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OUT OF THE WASTE BASKET

(Given at the Worcester County Branch meeting, March, 1926.)

CHARACTERS

MRS. BROWN, *a church member who knows nothing about missions.*
SARAH WHITE, *her maid (in cap and apron, black dress).*
MRS. GREEN, *chairman of the Missionary Committee of the church.*
WINDSOR, *her three-year-old son.*
PLACE, *Mrs. Brown's living-room.*
TIME, *a few days before the Branch meeting.*

THE PLAY

Sarah enters armed with a duster (not a cloth kind) and starts to dust the living-room.

Mrs. Brown: (*outside*) Sarah, have you finished your dusting?

Sarah: I'm doing it now. Why, here's a magazine in the wastebasket. Mrs. Brown must have thrown it in here. And she didn't even open it. I'll open it myself and see what it is. *Missionary Herald!* Why, this looks interesting.

Mrs. Brown: (*outside*) Sarah, is your dusting done?

Sarah: Not quite (*walks around reading with one eye and dusting with the other*).

Mrs. Brown: (*As she enters Sarah throws the magazine back into the wastebasket and dusts in earnest*). Oh, Sarah, I find I have to go down town on an errand. I shall be back soon and I hope you will have your dusting done by then. You know I am expecting guests to dinner, and I want everything to look nice.

Sarah: Yes, ma'am. (*Mrs. Brown goes out and Sarah pulls the magazine out of the wastebasket again*). There, now she's gone. I'll sit down and read this magazine. Why, this looks real interesting. I don't see why Mrs. Brown threw *this* in the wastebasket (*reads with great interest*).

Mrs. Brown: (*As she enters, Sarah jumps up, dusts vigorously, and tries to read the magazine at the same time without Mrs. Brown's seeing it. Mrs. B. has on her hat and is buttoning up her coat as she talks*). Oh, by the way, Sarah, if Miss Howard or Mrs. Mix should call up while I am out and ask me to go to the Branch meeting, please say that I can't very well go this time, but I will try to next time. I know I said that the last time they asked me, but I will really try to go next time. Well, Sarah, what is it that you are reading?

Sarah: Why, it's the *Missionary Herald.* I found it in the wastebasket.

Mrs. Brown: The *Missionary Herald?* A missionary magazine, and you find it interesting enough to read it standing up? I cannot imagine such a thing. I saw it said "*Missionary Herald,* Sample Copy," on the wrapper but I thought it probably didn't have any pictures in it and I *never* read a magazine that doesn't have pictures in it.

Sarah: Oh, but this has several pictures in it and the stories are very interesting. It all looks good to me.

Mrs. Brown: Well, see that it doesn't interfere with your getting your dusting done (*goes out*).

Sarah: (*Settles herself in a chair.*) There, I hope she has really gone this time, so I can finish reading this magazine. My, but this is an interesting story about this girl in Mexico, and how she came to read the Bible. (*Bell rings once, twice, but Sarah reads on. At third ring she jumps up and goes to the door.*) Goodness, I believe that was the doorbell.

Mrs. Green and Windsor enter.

Mrs. Green: Is Mrs. Brown at home?

Sarah: No, she isn't. She has gone out, but I expect her back soon. Won't you come in and wait?

Mrs. Green: Why, yes, I think I will, for I want to see her about something important. (*Notices Sarah with the duster and the magazine.*) Why, I see you are reading the *Missionary Herald.* That is what I came to see Mrs. Brown about. She must be interested in it.

Sarah: No, I don't think she is. She threw this copy in the wastebasket.

Mrs. Green: Perhaps that was a sample copy I had sent to her from the office.

Sarah: Yes, I guess so. I found it very interesting myself.

Mrs. Green: Oh, my little boy enjoys looking at the pictures. (*Sarah goes out.*) See, Windsor, what is this?

Windsor: *Mishwionary Hewald!*

Mrs. Green: Yes, and wouldn't you like to look at these pictures? See this Japanese mother giving her baby a bath. (*They are absorbed in the magazine until Mrs. Brown enters.*)

Mrs. Brown: Why, good afternoon, Mrs.? (*pauses; shakes hands*).

Mrs. Green: Mrs. Green.

Mrs. Brown: Oh, yes, Mrs. Green. I was sure I had seen you somewhere, but I could not think of your name. And is this your little boy?

Mrs. Green: Yes, I saw you at church last Sunday, I think.

Mrs. Brown: Yes, I did go, but I never would have, if I had known before I went that a missionary was going to speak. I never go to church when a missionary is to be there. But I did not know until I was in church that Dr. Lane was not going to preach—I do like his sermons—and I was tempted to get up and come out, but I didn't.

Mrs. Green: Oh, but you did enjoy the missionary, didn't you? Everybody likes Mary McClure.

Mrs. Brown: Oh, I thought she was *fine*. You know I have an awful confession to make. I always thought missionaries were old ladies and wore old dowdy clothes, but this one was young and she had such pretty clothes.

Mrs. Green: (*laughing*) Oh, that's what lots of people think. I'm glad you enjoyed Mary McClure.

Mrs. Brown: Indeed, I did. I should like to hear more about *her*.

Mrs. Green: Would you really? I have a magazine here that tells a story about her and how she met some bandits. She didn't tell that story Sunday. She never does tell it about herself, but it is all in here. Wouldn't you like to read it?

Mrs. Brown: Yes, I would. (*Takes magazine and reads; is so absorbed she forgets her callers, who are looking at the pictures in the "Herald" again, and jumps when Windsor speaks.*)

Windsor: Muvver, I like this magazine.

Mrs. Brown: Why, I beg your pardon. I forgot all about your being here, I was so interested in this story. Isn't it thrilling! I don't suppose there are any more stories as good as that one.

Mrs. Green: Oh, yes, there are lots of them, just as good. There's the one about a man who had an encounter with some bandits; and then there is one about a young man who had to face a king who was a tyrant, both of them exciting stories. In the front of the magazine there is always an article by a minister or a noted doctor, and those are good. Then in the back of the magazine are notes about missionaries. If any one has a friend who is a missionary, she might find news about her in the column of Personals. You see, the *Missionary Herald* is quite a magazine.

Mrs. Brown: I should say so. I never saw anything like it before.

Mrs. Green: Wouldn't it be a shame for a magazine like that to be given up?

Mrs. Brown: Why, is there any danger of that?

Mrs. Green: Why, it might be. You see, there is some talk of merging this magazine with *The Congregationalist*. That's why we are having this drive right now to get new subscribers. We think if we can increase the subscription list and get a lot of people interested in it, when the question of the merger comes up again, we shall have demonstrated what a worth-while paper this is and it can go on with its work. Now perhaps you would like to subscribe.

Mrs. Brown: Oh, I don't know. It is so well gotten up, the paper is good and the print is good and the pictures and all. Why, I am afraid (*hesitatingly*)—I am afraid it is a more expensive magazine than I would want to buy.

Mrs. Green: But that is the nicest part about it. It is only a dollar a year.

Mrs. Brown: Only a dollar a year? Why, I pay more than that for any book I buy.

Mrs. Green: Of course you do and more than that for most magazines. The pictures alone are worth the dollar.

Mrs. Brown: The pictures! They appeal to me! You know I never buy a magazine or read one that doesn't have pictures in it, and the pictures in this one are fine. Really, I think they are as good as the *National Geographic*, and I always take that. (*Sarah enters with a tea tray and serves tea and cakes.*)

Mrs. Green: Oh, by the way, I saw your maid reading the *Missionary Herald* when I came in. I think she must have found it interesting.

Mrs. Brown: Why, Sarah, is this the magazine I saw you reading this afternoon?

Sarah: Yes, Mrs. Brown, and I found it very interesting (*goes out*).

Mrs. Brown: Well, I shall have to subscribe and perhaps I can pay an extra dollar so that you can send it to some one who might not otherwise have it.

Mrs. Green: Oh, that would be fine!

Mrs. Brown: You said you were having a drive for this paper?

Mrs. Green: Yes, and we are advertising it as much as possible. And that reminds me. I am trying to find some one who will advertise this at the next Branch meeting—wear a costume, you know. Would your maid by any chance be able to do that and would you be willing to give her the time to go to the meeting?

Mrs. Brown: Why, I am perfectly willing, if she wants to (*calls*). Sarah! (*Sarah enters.*) Sarah, would you care about going to a missionary meeting and advertising this magazine that you like so well?

Sarah: Yes, Mrs. Brown, I'd like it very much, if you would be willing.

Mrs. Brown: Why, I don't mind (*turning to Mrs. Green*). You said you had a costume?

Mrs. Green: Yes, I left it in the hall. Would your maid bring it in, please? (*Sarah goes out and brings in two sheets of white cardboard, which are fastened together with string. Mrs. Brown and Mrs. Green adjust the card to hang from Sarah's shoulders.*)

Mrs. Brown: (*Reads aloud what is on the front.*) *Isn't* that clever? Is there something on the back, too? (*Turns Sarah around and reads the other side.*) Why, I think that is fine. Sarah White, you are a regular sandwich man! (*Turning to Windsor.*) I guess you wish you could be a sandwich man, too, don't you?

Windsor: Yeah!

Mrs. Green: Oh, my little boy is going to advertise the *Missionary Herald* at the Branch meeting, too. See, I make a sandwich man of him. I am going to pin the covers of the Easter number on him front and back, just like this (*pins one cover on to the front of his blouse, the other on his back*), and then he is going to pass out some sample copies to the women as he goes up and down the aisle. See?

Mrs. Brown: Lovely! I shall go to that Branch meeting without fail! And if a member of my own household is going to advertise the *Missionary Herald*, I shall certainly have to subscribe.

Sarah: Oh, Mrs. Brown, does that mean you will have it every month?

Mrs. Brown: Every month, Sarah.

Sarah: Then perhaps you will let me take it to my room sometimes and read it?

Mrs. Brown: I certainly shall. And I'll tell you this right now, Sarah. Hereafter, you will find the *Missionary Herald* on the living-room table, and *not* in the wastebasket.

All go off and Windsor distributes sample copies to the audience.

THAT NEW TWENTY THOUSAND

THESE are busy days in the subscription department because of the country-wide drive which is on for new subscribers to the **Missionary Herald**. There has been a most gratifying response on the part of our constituency to the suggestion that we get to work in earnest on doubling the number of readers.

All three Woman's Boards have taken up the project with energy. The Woman's Board of Missions has asked its Branches each to take a quota which, when met, will mean 5,000 new names from the auxiliaries alone. The Branches of the Woman's Board of Missions for the Pacific are aiming for at least 2,000 new subscribers, and the Woman's Board of Missions of the Interior is enlisting its constituency in the Middle West in a similar campaign.

Local church agents of whom there are over 800 are busy among Congregational church people from the Atlantic to the Pacific.

The result of all this aggressive work is such a demand for subscription blanks and sample copies as we have never had before. Already many subscriptions are coming in although the real harvest is yet to come. The suggestion made in one issue of the **Herald** that those who are already taking the magazine might help to extend its power by subscribing for others has resulted in checks amounting to $250 to date. We believe we have many other friends who will show their liking for the periodical in this way.

Pastors whose names have heretofore been on our complimentary list have, to the number of nearly 700, sent us the full subscription price. This reflects their opinion of the **Herald** as a valuable tool.

As a sample of the methods being used to call public attention to the **Herald**, we have printed in this issue the little dramatic scene recently presented by the women of a New England Branch of the Woman's Board of Missions.

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EDITOR'S FOREWORD

THE picture on our cover was taken by Raymond Cowles, son of Rev. and Mrs. George Cowles of Umzumbe, Natal, South Africa. Mr. Cowles is doing research work for Cornell University in Africa—as our readers will see who read the article entitled "A Young Scientist in South Africa."

As the cover picture suggests, we lead off with the Dark Continent. In her article "Along Bailundo Street," Miss Miller has given us a study of station life in West Africa. Miss Russell, in her account of a certain memorial day in South Africa, provides a bit of inspiration which we crave at this season.

The India Deputation naturally finds a place in these columns, Professor Saunders of Madura supplying the report of their activities in that mission. China is represented in the story of Mr. Yen; and the other fields have a hearing, the letters being unusually varied and suggestive.

We wish we could speak authoritatively on present conditions in China, but we can't. No letters from North China since Marshal Feng's troops gave way to the "Allies" have reached us. As no cable dispatches have arrived, we are sure that our missionaries are safe, and as cool and collected as usual.

The present status of the Turkey Treaty is of special interest; but here again we must refrain from comment because of the lack of prophetic insight into the mind of the Senate.

Those interested in Merger steps should read the Home Base section and the editorials.

After the magazine has been well gone over we hope our readers will turn to Dr. Thomas' article and learn what that "Something" is which is being left out these days.

Many encouraging encomiums have been received on our April *Herald.* The old magazine is making steady progress in circulation—thanks to such energetic and clever friends as those who worked up the play given in our opening pages. With more groups taking a hand, it will be "out of the wastebasket into the heart" of thousands in our churches who at present are living cramped, unsatisfied lives. Let's help all such get into something BIG!

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AN HISTORIC DAY

THE American Board made history on March 16, 1926. It elected seventy-five women to its Corporate Membership. It enlarged its Prudential Committee by twenty-four new members—twelve women and twelve men. It approved the action of the National Council in its work of coördinating promotion by taking over the work of the district offices, and of the associate departmental and district secretaries; the care of publishing and circulating promotional literature; the preparation and distribution of stereopticon lectures; the booking of speakers; the enlargement of lists of individual givers; and similar services. It approved not only the budget of $150,000 for the usual work of the Commission on Missions for 1926–27, but also such an increase over said amount "as is at present in the budgets of the various Boards covering the promotional work taken over by the Commission on Missions—the amount of said increase, however, to be determined, so far as the American Board is concerned, in consultation with the Commission on Missions."

Furthermore, on that date the Prudential Committee met for the first time in its history with women members present.

To be sure, this was not a merger meeting; the American Board and Woman's Boards are still functioning separately, and will have to continue doing so for several months to come. Not a few steps remain yet to be taken before complete unification can be brought about. Committees at work upon different phases of reorganization have yet to be heard from. The various constituencies of the Foreign Boards must "carry on" for some time to come.

Nevertheless, a very important step forward was taken at this meeting of the American Board, and March 16 must be placed among the historic dates of Congregationalism; for as a step toward unification with the Woman's Boards, this meeting registered a proof of the purpose of the Board to conform in letter as well as in spirit to the will of the churches, expressed through the National Council. By bringing women on to the Prudential Committee it has given earnest of a broader and better administrative effort, and of a newness of life for the old Board that will be felt throughout the world.

This occasion was the adjourned annual meeting of the Board—adjourned from Friday, October 28—in order to take such action in detail as was called for by the adoption of a general policy at Washington. It was a short session held in the vestry of the old historic Park Street Church, Boston.

In the absence of the President and Vice-President, the meeting was called to order by Dr. James L. Barton, who claimed the distinction of being the oldest Corporate Member present, though we cannot say that he looked the part. Mr. Arthur Perry, long a determinative force in the Prudential Committee, was chosen permanent chairman of the meeting. After speaking of the great privilege that had been his for many years of "having a share, though small, in the work of the Board," he read portions of the 52d Chapter of Isaiah and the 10th of Romans. Dr. Francis A. Poole, of South Weymouth, Mass., followed with prayer for this work which has been "owned and honored of God," and for "a deep satisfaction on the part of the entire Church in this great call to labor for the extension of Christ's Kingdom."

On motion of the Board's Counsel, Hon. Arthur H. Wellman, the senior member of the Prudential Committee, the By-Laws of the Board were amended to cover the purpose of the meeting. The necessary elections then took place by ballot, and were as unanimous as they were clocklike in their precision and despatch. One could not fail to get the impression that those chosen for the new honors and responsibilities were carefully selected and nominated by the Woman's Boards beforehand—and rightly so. The only bit of sand that got into the workings was discovered by our Counsel, who thought that the women elected should be listed "according to their Christian and not their husbands' names."

A list of the new Corporate Members of the Board, including the five men who were elected to fill vacancies in the existing membership-at-large, will be found on the closing pages of this number.

The control of the Board's affairs, so far as the Prudential Committee is concerned, now becomes nation wide; and now the Prudential Committee is to have the benefit of the wisdom and spirit of men and women representing all the main sections of the land. This should mean, and undoubtedly will mean, greater administrative efficiency at home and abroad, and a larger and stronger constituency for the Board.

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After the balloting, Secretary Beard spoke on the effort now being made by the Laymen's Advisory Committee to raise by the project method $200,000 for the American Board, W. B. M. I., and four Homeland Societies, by September 1, 1926, in addition to gifts under the Apportionment Plan and other regular giving. He reported progress made in organizing this special campaign in various states, and pled for the support of the Corporate Membership to save the Board from serious retrenchment abroad.

Following this adjourned annual meeting, the Prudential Committee held its first meeting with women members present. The order of the day was a discussion of new plans for the new conditions under which the Board is to work. Subcommittees were appointed, and steps taken generally toward completing as soon as possible the unification of the American Board and Woman's Boards.

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THE DEPUTATION LEAVES INDIA

PRESIDENT POTTER, Secretary Strong, and Miss Welcher, the official Deputation to India, have finished their work within the Marathi, Madura, and Ceylon Missions. They have met by themselves in the Kodaikanal hills of South India, reviewed their findings, registered their opinions, and formulated their report. In due time both the Board and the Missions will receive the benefit of their final judgment.

From all sides have come happy reports of the impression made by this congenial, wise, and courageous team.

The time devoted to special problems of individuals was all too short, and doubtless some of the questions faced by the church and mission could not *all* be studied in detail, but we gather from letters that, as a whole, the Christian men and women in India who have met with the Deputation on the perplexing problems of the day, big and small, have nothing but gratitude in their hearts for this visit.

Eventually the friends of the Board will hear from the Deputation. President Potter will prepare the report for the public and Secretary Strong that for the Prudential Committee. It is expected that both will speak through the *Missionary Herald*, as well as through other magazines. We naturally hope, too, for a message from Miss Welcher.

The Deputation has broken up into three parties. Dr. Potter, having joined Mrs. Potter at Colombo, is at present in Japan conferring with the Kumiai (Congregational) leaders and the mission. He sails from Japan for America April 20. Dr. and Mrs. Strong, with Mrs. Decatur, are somewhere in China —probably at Foochow. If they cannot get into Peking and travel through North China, we may soon hear from them in Japan, where Dr. Strong is scheduled for some more deputation work. They should reach Boston in June. Miss Welcher has gone with friends into the Himalayas for a much needed rest and change, following a serious attack of malaria. She will remain there until fall.

DR. STRONG'S QUERY

IN a letter written February 27 at Colombo, following a painful conference with the Ceylon missionaries on drastic retrenchment, Secretary Strong says: "We hear on every side that America is such a rich country—the richest in the world—till we also begin to wonder why, if so many people are buying expensive automobiles, it isn't possible to find somebody who will give thirty dollars to keep six village schools from closing their doors."

This is an ever-recurring question, and it is usually answered not by those whose "luxuries are costing them more than their Lord," but by the few men and women who have already "gone the limit." Such will go over again their budgets for the year and manage once more to find a gift for the Lord's treasury. Not a few of them will gladly forego buying even the cheapest of cars in order to keep Christ's work going in India and Ceylon. And they will get their reward; for verily unto him who has the talent of service shall be given, while from him who rolls in his own shall be taken away what little he has. No pity need be spent upon the former; he has fellowship with God. It is the other man that needs our help.

Are we doing all we can to turn this thoughtless spender into an enthusiastic steward? How can he be led to see, how made to feel the need of humanity; how induced to give as God has blessed him? Often, big-gauged and generous, he responds to appeals for local help, yet how can he get the real thing inside of him, how learn for himself that what is his is God's, and that he has been commandeered for a big trusteeship? The least we can do is to catch his eye as he speeds down the highway, and for this there are possibilities in the "new plan" suggested by our promotional men in New York.

A NEW PERIODICAL

DRS. BURTON AND FAGLEY, in their next *Newsletter*, will explain the scope and aim of the new periodical that is being launched by the Promotional Council of the Commission on Missions. By it, "with the coöperation of pastors and churches, it will be possible to distribute effectively a very much larger volume of literature, and do this larger work at less expense," than has been the case with the fugitive pamphlets heretofore gotten out by the Commission.

This periodical is designed to meet the need "for popular literature for the rank and file, who will not give much attention to denominational periodicals, but will read brief, snappy presentations calculated to stimulate their interest and loyalty." It will cover much heretofore published in the Every Member Canvass and other promotional literature, and will contain also informational and inspirational material such as we usually find in Board bulletins. It is hoped that the circulation will be lifted into the hundreds of thousands by the wise use of subscription forms through the apportionment drives of the local churches. The latter "may, if they wish, subscribe for their entire membership *en bloc*, providing the money either out of their benevolences or current expenses, as they choose." And it is pointed out that "this is rather less a lien upon the giving of the people than is the present plan of paying it out of the overhead."

How will this new popular sheet affect the magazines? According to Dr. Fagley, "it will carry definite endeavors to enlist more readers of the magazines and *The Congregationalist*"; for in this work of education there is need of a "magazine which shall be subscribed for and paid for by those who wish a complete understanding of our missionary work. From this come the leaders in missionary interest. The magazine is comprehensive, presenting the whole field of missionary interest."

Though our promotional secretaries cannot vouch for the future of the magazines; though to them the question is left just where it is—"they may be merged; they may be made over; they may be dropped; in short, anything can be done with these papers which the denomination desires to do"—yet we are asked to remember "that the magazines serve an entirely different need from this popular literature of which we speak."

The *Missionary Herald* has been consistent in its advocacy of more rather than less publicity for this great America-World enterprise. It recognizes the unique value of the bulletin idea, and believes that if properly conducted this "popular sheet" will do much to supplement all existing periodicals in the effort to create a live interest in missions. And if by this headquarters bulletin the ninety and nine still outside are led into the fold, we can have nothing but gratitude for its having been born.

THE NEW "AMERICAN MISSIONARY"

THE denomination can well feel proud of the steady improvement *The American Missionary* has been making during the past few years. Its transformation has been as marked as its leadership, and today it ranks among the very best missionary periodicals in the country. With its fine staff of editors, its efficient business manager, its strong financial backing, its hold upon the pulpit and the pew, its attractive subscription price, and its interesting, instructive material, it should long continue a mighty informational and inspirational force among the people of America.

The latest and best step forward in the make-up of the magazine is manifest in its April number. Here the old cumbersome "sectional system" has given way to a sound plan of "editorial unity"—thus putting *The American Missionary* in the class of real magazines. Nor is the new type the least of the improvements shown.

The *Herald* extends to its sister magazine the heartiest of congratulations, and its best wishes for an ever widening influence.

HOPES IN PORTUGUESE EAST AFRICA

RECENT letters from our missionaries in Africa indicate that there has been no little stir over the publication of the report of Prof. E. A. Ross of the University of Wisconsin. Professor Ross visited Portuguese East and West Africa in 1924, and rendered a report on labor conditions among the natives, which was passed on to the League of Nations. Portuguese Government officials were scandalized by the revelations thus made public, and the underlings chiefly responsible for the terrible conditions of the natives were incensed against all Americans, whom they equally blamed for the information which had been given to the League.

There has been a favorable result already from this report and the agitation which followed it. It is reported that women have been entirely removed from heavy service on the roads. We are also informed that forced labor, except for government service, will soon be entirely prohibited under the Mozambique Company. Whether this be so or not, a protocol has been drafted by the League and is being submitted to the nations of Europe and America with regard to forced labor, which, if adopted by these nations, will go far towards protecting ignorant subject natives throughout the world against exploitation by government or by individuals.

The survey which has been planned for Portuguese East Africa, as reported in the April number of the *Herald*, will cover a small section of the Mozambique Company's territory in Portuguese East Africa. Most unfortunately in abbreviating for the November *Herald*, the address given by Secretary Riggs at the Annual Meeting in Washington, it was made to appear that in the whole colony no missionary work was being carried on. While this is true of the vast areas of the interior, it should be explained that in that address as delivered it was made clear that about 280 miles of the southern end of the colony was well covered with missionary activities. This includes Inhambane, where the Methodist and Free Methodist Boards are sharing with the American Board the remarkable opportunities presented by the eager spirit of native evangelism. It was further made clear that three mission stations have been planted on the border of British territory along the western edge of the colony, and the South Africa General Mission is seeking to gain a foothold on the coast of Quilimane. Some of these border stations have rendered notable service in recent years. The new survey, however, will cover a small fraction of the 1,000-mile stretch of interior territory which is practically untouched by the missionary and without any representatives of the Gospel, and which remains the largest unoccupied area in Africa south of the equator. If its report is favorable, the special committee of the Fairfield Association of Churches is committed to raising $7,500 a year for five years, which, with other special gifts, the Board has promised to use in developing this section so long neglected.

PROFESSOR PHOUTRIDES AND ANATOLIA COLLEGE LIBRARY

NOT many years ago there came to America from the historic Island of Icaria a young Greek by the name of Aristides E. Phoutrides, who must have been an able scholar of artistic temperament and winning disposition—altogether a typical Greek among the best of his type.

He made his way, as a young stranger in a foreign land, through various preparatory courses, and then graduated with high honors at Harvard University, where he soon became a professor in that outstanding institution representing American scholarship and culture.

The shifting scenes of a few brief years passed rapidly: winning recognition for Greek and American scholarship; making a place for himself among

educators and leaders; publishing books, poems, and articles, one after another; taking his share in the service demanded by the conditions of the Great War; and a welcome prospect of a long and useful career as a scholar, author, and interpreter between the people of classic Greece and up-to-date America. All too soon the promise of his life came to an end in his death. His widow, Mrs. Margaret G. Phoutrides, herself a descendant of the great American champion of liberty, William Lloyd Garrison, has given a selection of about 500 books from her husband's library to the library of Anatolia College, now in process of reëstablishment in Salonica, Greece, after its work was wrecked in Asia Minor. These books will be placed in a special alcove, with a bronze relief of Professor Phoutrides; and his widow bravely writes: "If you will let them out into the sunshine and put them into young hands again, you will indeed be doing me a service."

The counsellor in securing this gift was Dr. Raphael S. Demos, himself a young Greek from the Near East and an associate of Professor Phoutrides in the Harvard faculty.

Not only is this gift valuable in itself, but it is suggestive. We believe that there is a place for a better understanding and more intimate relations between Americans and Greeks of the present day. Greeks who come from their homelands to this country and "make good" among Americans, may be valuable mediators between the two peoples. Hurried and worried Americans may well learn from the Greek love of art, music, sculpture, poetry, and all the rest that follows in regard for the beautiful. Greeks in the old country also are eager for the American type of education such as is represented by Anatolia College; partly for the English language, partly, also, for the access thus opened to the world beyond their own horizon, and in part because they seek the type of character that they believe American education fosters.

GIVE YOUR CHURCH A CHANCE AT TRAINED LEADERSHIP

THE church which takes seriously its missionary education program and plans definitely for a new world order through the young people of today, will provide somehow that carefully picked delegates may be given the fullest possible opportunities available in the more than rich program of summer conferences offered this year. The inspirational impetus and definite, concrete help which these young people can bring back will more than repay the money spent for them.

Missionary Education and Leader Training. For concrete and constructive, intensive education for prospective or already appointed leaders, send a delegate to the nearest one of the Missionary Education Movement conferences:—

1. Asilomar, Cal.—July 6–16
2. Seabeck, Wash.—July 23–August 2
3. Blue Ridge, —June 25–July 5
4. Silver Bay on Lake George, N. Y.—July 3–13
5. Ocean Park, Me.—July 1–10

Teachers of any grade in the Sunday School, the chairman of the missionary committee, the person whom you hope may take the leadership in constructive missionary education in your church—all these will receive here help for their curriculum and their programs.

Inspirational Conferences for Women, such as those at Northfield, Mass.; Winona Lake, Ind.; Boulder, Col.; Lake Geneva, Wis.; and Chambersburg, Penn., are held at many points and different times during the summer. They offer specific help to women church leaders in all types of missionary work.

For any of the above send for further information and flier to your Woman's Board, or to the American Board.

AN IMPORTANT CORRECTION

OUR attention has been called to a misleading statement in the "Easter Call," which preceded the pictorial section of our April number. We spoke as if the $200,000 to be raised by the Laymen's Advisory Committee by September 1, 1926, in addition to gifts under the Apportionment Plan, were for the American Board alone, whereas the W. B. M. I. and four homeland societies are to share in this special fund to save the Boards from serious curtailment.

As our readers have doubtless been informed through other sources, this $200,000 is to be divided as follows: American Board, $115,000; W. B. M. I., $25,000; Sunday School Extension Society, $25,000; the Education Society, $15,000; the Board of Ministerial Relief, $10,000; and the Foundation for Education, $10,000.

We should have included all in the statement preliminary to our call to prayer. Our Boards are so interdependent and the home and foreign interests of our common task so closely interwoven, that the success of one is bound up in the success of all. This is particularly true in this special effort undertaken by the laymen of the churches.

We welcome, therefore, this opportunity of making a correction in our previous statement. In this way we can emphasize again the unity of our Congregational task for the Kingdom.

NEW BUILDINGS AT THE WOMEN'S CHRISTIAN COLLEGE, MADRAS, INDIA

THE NEW CHAPEL

Octagonal in shape, the building has seventeen doors. It is built of country brick, plastered and whitewashed within and without. The floor is of white marble and black Cuddapah slab—a sandstone of the district. The structure is the gift of "an unknown American friend."

THE SCIENCE BUILDING

The College Hall is in the center, an open courtyard on either side, with science rooms surrounding hall and courts on all four sides. Over the central door appears the sentence, "The whole earth is full of His glory."

IN THE GARDEN BETWEEN THE CHAPEL AND THE HOSTEL

Facing the north door of the chapel pictured above. We are indebted to Miss Edith M. Coon for these glimpses of the growth and beauty of this Union College

THE WORLD WINDOW

By C. H. P.

India Prohibits Export of Opium

No more important news has come from the Mid-East in recent years than the ordering of the prohibition of the export of opium on the part of the British Government in India. This ends a practice entailing untold misery upon the people of China and other lands; a practice also which has reflected no credit upon the British authorities, and concerning which there has been agitation for many years. It will be recalled that at the International Conferences upon the opium evil held last summer at Geneva it was found impossible to reach agreement. The American delegates held out for the absolute prohibition of exports except for scientific and medicinal purposes. The Indian representatives insisted that the phrase "legitimate purposes" be substituted, the words being interpreted according to the ideas of the receiving country. To the Americans this appeared to open the door for large abuse. As a matter of experience the Indian Government found itself in the uncomfortable position of passing judgment upon the moral views of other lands. Being disposed to get India out of the nefarious business under any just and practicable arrangement, the authorities will hereafter forbid all export of the drug except on the grounds urged at Geneva. This involves the Indian Government in a revenue loss of from $1,000,000 to $2,000,000 annually, in addition to a loss of $4,000,000 arising from previous restrictive measures. The decision comes late but it is most welcome, and, under all the circumstances involved, reflects much credit upon the Government. Thus ends the mighty struggle of years.

The Cost of the Cow

"What other country on earth pays such a staggering price for the veneration of an animal?" asks an article in *The Round Table* entitled "The Disabilities of Rural India." It points out that "the regard, even veneration, which some of the people have for all forms of animal life prevents them from restricting its multiplication, even when it comes into direct economic competition with man for the produce of the soil or makes it impossible for him to develop it to its full capacity." Sixteen million surplus oxen and eight and a half million surplus cows cause an annual loss of £117,600,000 in English money. The price thus paid for cow-veneration is more than the cost of India's Imperial and Provincial Governments combined. "If the people would keep their animals in proper subjection, there is no reason why India should not be the most prosperous country on earth."

Japanese Approve of Christianity

Dr. John R. Mott received a great welcome in Japan in connection with his recent visit, the authorities and prominent citizens outdoing themselves in expressing their appreciation of him and what he represents in the way of Christian leadership throughout the world. In connection with his arrival, the *Japan Times* (published by the Japanese) commented upon the uplifting influence of Christianity as follows: "No amount of sophistry will hide the fact that it is the Christian workers and Christian civilization that have lifted Japan above the darkness of old ideas and backward customs and put her on the path of progress and higher culture. Modern Japan may have been an apt pupil; but she has had her days of tutelage, and her tutors have been neither Buddhists nor Confucianists, but the Christians, with their Christian civilization. . . . Let us ask, then, who it was that taught us in this struggle for uplifting ourselves. The answer is perfectly simple. The Christians and Christian ideas of love, humanity, justice, and propriety; therefore Christianity."

France Called to Account

For the first time in history a great Colonial power has been called to account for its treatment of a weaker nationality. Associated Press dispatches tell of representatives of France being summoned before the Mandates Commission of the League of Nations, meeting in Rome, to explain the administration of this country in Syria. The members of the commission, while not losing their friendly attitude, asked numerous questions insistently and sharply. Count de Caix vigorously denied the charge that France had usurped unauthorized powers, while members of the commission mercilessly went over the details. Other matters taken up were religious questions, in connection with which charges of offences against Moslem customs were examined; provisions for refugees, concession contracts, and Syria's frontier with Turkey.

New Religious Spirit in Germany

That a great change has taken place in the attitude of Germany toward religion, perhaps as the result of the War, was the message that Gustav Krüger, PH.D., professor of church history in the University of Giessen, brought to King's Chapel, Boston, in the first of his two lectures on Recent Tendencies in Germany, under the auspices of the Lowell Institute. "Even before the War," said the lecturer, "we had begun to learn that the intellectualistic view of the world and of mankind, so

characteristic of the dying nineteenth century, was not capable of leading to a real understanding of the meaning of religion. Wide circles began to realize that science and technology and, above all else, the civilization which was dominated by them, were not doing, nor could they do, what over-enthusiastic appreciation had expected of them. The realization became ever clearer of how little the intellect was capable of revealing the meaning of life; how, beyond all that the intellect can weigh, count and measure, there lies a new reality whose richness blesses but whose depth also fills us with awe, a reality which religion alone can open to us. And eventually the all-permeating experiences of the last decades have greatly strengthened and deepened this insight into what we must call the irrationality of religion."

International Research at Harvard

A generous gift by the Laura Spelman Rockefeller Memorial has made possible the establishment at Harvard University and Radcliffe College of a bureau of research which will concern itself exclusively with international problems. Prof. George G. Wilson, of the Department of Government at Harvard, is in charge. Specifically the purpose is the "development of research of an international character in the social sciences." The following subjects of research, already undertaken or arranged for, suggest the type and scope of problem: Comparisons of decisions of national courts where international questions are involved; Jurisdiction over coastal waters; Public indebtedness in its relation to changes in territorial sovereignty; Latin American relations; The institution and operation of plebiscites; The native African under self-government, Colonial administration, and mandates. The plan will be followed of utilizing, in so far as possible, professors on leave during their Sabbatical Year, for such investigations as are approved by the University Committee. Already seventeen professors are so engaged in different parts of the world. The resulting reports, as published from time to time, should be of great value.

The Bible the Best Seller

Last year's issue of the Bible, according to the report of the American Bible Society, in 150 languages, was 9,060,120 volumes—nearly 2,500,000 more than the preceding year, and the greatest number in any of the 110 years of existence of the Society. The report for the year's work in China shows that it has been the most remarkable year in the fifty years of work of the Society in that country. The circulation of Scriptures and portions amounted to over four million copies. The British and Foreign Bible Society had about an equal number, and the Scotch Bible Society distributed over three million copies, making a total of over eleven million copies of portions of the Scriptures, Testaments, and Bibles distributed in China in one year.

Novel Military Orders

Marshal Feng Yu-hsiang, the Christian general of China, has prepared for his soldiers seven precepts to be posted on the walls of the barracks. Translated into English, they are to the following effect:—

1. Have strong faith in God, and keep His promises always before your eyes.
2. Be clean and honest in all your dealings. His eyes are watching you.
3. Love your comrades. Your good example may lead them to Christ.
4. Show your patience and leniency towards poor and infirm men and women, children, and old people.
5. Study your Bible and pray to Him who sees you in your secret place.
6. Obey with all your heart the commands of your superiors.
7. Bear fruit as one who is attached to the vine, which is Christ.

Glimpses

Among the customers at the annual Nizhni Novgorod Fair were Afghan merchants who were commissioned to buy printing machinery for the purpose of starting a newspaper in the remote Asiatic country of Afghanistan.

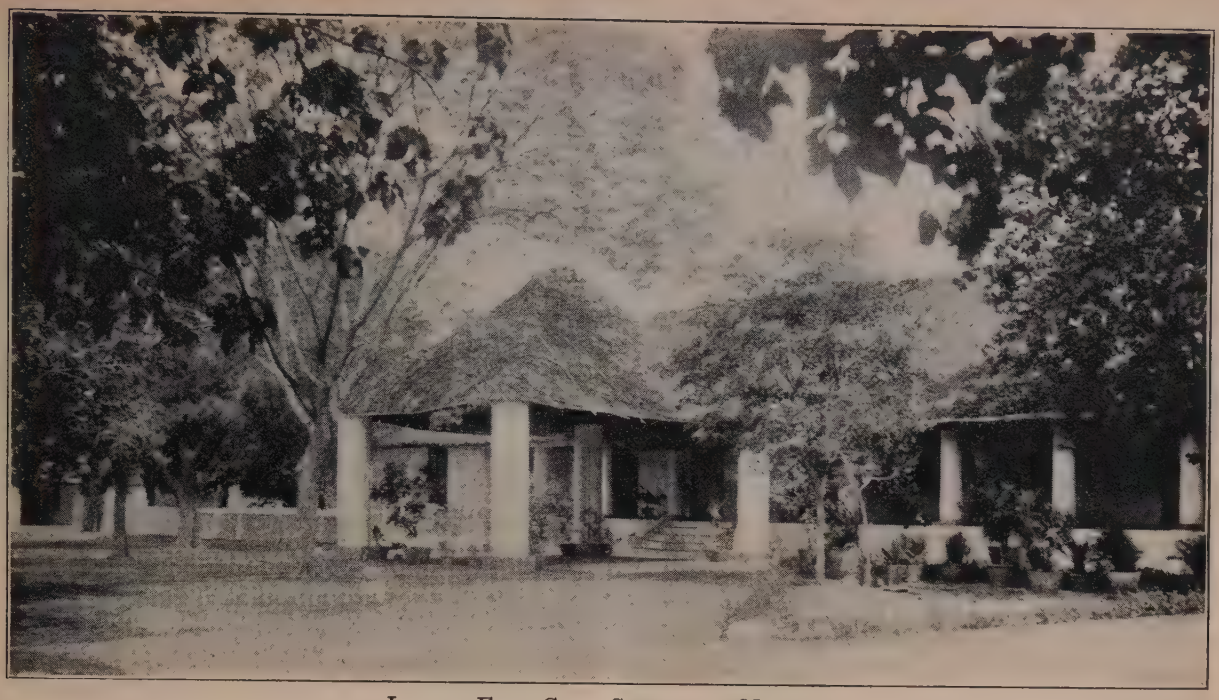
To make the Bible as popular in France as it is in English-speaking countries, François Bernouard, a publisher, is going to issue an edition in thirty volumes, with Hebrew and Greek texts opposite the French, with woodcuts scattered liberally throughout.

A thousand miles of new railways are to be built in East Africa. The British Government guarantees £10,000,000 of loans for this purpose. The new lines will be principally in Tanganyika and Uganda.

The British census shows that Hindus are decreasing in India, while Mohammedans, Sikhs, and Christians are increasing. The Hindus in Bengal have dropped from 45 to 44 per cent; the Mohammedans have risen from 52 to 54 per cent. The Christian population is now 4,750,000 or 1½ per cent of the total population. There are 2½ times as many Christians as in 1881.

In 1924 nearly eleven thousand members were added to the Episcopal churches of the West Equatorial Africa Diocese. This diocese now has fifty-two thousand members, whose contributions last year amounted to $148,000.

In connection with the popularization of education and the promotion of the 1,000 characters, Y. C. James Yen, a Y. M. C. A. leader in the movement, says, "A 'People's Literature' is in the making! This will in time bring about a true Renaissance of not merely a few intellectuals, but of the four hundred million people." The vernacular (pei hua) has now invaded all Government schools in China.



IN THE EAST GATE COMPOUND, MADURA

This is one of the mission bungalows. The reception and tea tendered the Deputation and the Church Council by the mission was held in the grounds of the Compound to the left of this house.

THE BOARD'S DEPUTATION IN THE MADURA FIELD

BY REV. A. J. SAUNDERS, PH.D.

IT was, I believe, the American Madura Mission that first moved in the matter of requesting the American Board in Boston to send a Deputation, in 1925, to study on the field the many problems pressing on mission work in India. The Board's representatives are now at work in India, and are spending over three months in the three sister missions of Marathi, Madura, and Jaffna, Ceylon. To put the matter mildly, they are having a busy and most strenuous time, and more than one of the party has been put out of action for awhile. But, be this said to their credit, that they are meeting with smiling faces and genuine American good humor all the calls made upon them, and seem to be getting some pleasure and compensation, as well as much hard work, out of their visit and investigations.

The members of the Deputation are: the newly elected President of the American Board, Rev. R. H. Potter, D.D., Minister of the First Congregational Church, Hartford, Conn.; Dr. W. E. Strong, the Board's Secretary for India; and Miss Welcher, of Hartford, representing the Woman's Boards. Mrs. Strong and Mrs. Decatur, of Massachusetts, accompanied the Deputation. It is over ten years since the last visit of inspection and inquiry was made, and many things of importance have transpired in mission policy and work in India during this decade. It is opportune and necessary that officials of missionary bodies should study at first hand the developing thought and changing attitudes on the part of all Eastern peoples. The great fundamental problems of the work remain; but changing viewpoints, the growth of education, the revolt against tradition and social customs of the past, and growing nationalism are making it necessary for the modern missionary to adjust his policy, his methods of work and attitudes to these new conditions, and Home Board officials must see these things in operation to understand what is taking place in the mission fields.

PROBLEMS BEING STUDIED

The terms of reference in general given to the Deputation by the Prudential Committee of the American Board are: "What is to be the determining and formative aim of our missionary effort in India for the next decade; how is that aim now being pursued; and how may it be better pursued in the several lines of effort?" The representatives are studying such questions as: Should the aim be to emphasize the development of the Indian Church, or the growth of education; should the policy be extensive or intensive? Is the policy to be the strengthening of organization, or the stimulating

of individual and voluntary Christian service in Church and community?

Coming to more specific matters, the Deputation are seeking information about these important questions: Why are there so few additions at present to the Church membership? What form of education—village school, boarding school, or higher schools—is now of most vital importance from the missionary point of view? Questions pertaining to Christian literature, union enterprises, Indian leadership, the Nationalist movement, racial differences, the relationship between the desire for Church self-government and financial responsibility, and the relationship between the Madura Mission and the Madura Church Council are being considered at length in special conferences with the mission and the Indian Church Council.

DEPUTATION AT WORK

The Deputation arrived in Madura on January 14, 1926, by the Boat Mail from Bangalore and Madras. A united meeting of the mission and the Church Council in the Mission Bungalow, East Gate, gave the visitors a hearty welcome to Madura. Dr. Potter, speaking for his colleagues, gave a strong and encouraging address, and brought affectionate greetings from the churches in the homeland.

On the following Sunday afternoon, in the Assembly Hall of the American College, there was a special union service of all Christians associated with the Madura Mission in Madura City and Pasumalai. There was a large audience of both Indians and missionaries. Special music was provided by the College Choir and the Capron Hall Girls' Chorus. President Potter of the American Board preached an eloquent sermon from the text, "The word of the Lord grew mightily and prevailed."

The stay of about one month in the Madura field has made it possible for the Deputation to survey pretty thoroughly all phases of our organized work. Full days have been spent with the institutions at the center of the mission, including the hospitals, the college, the Women's Work, the Girls' High School, and the Pasumalai departments. Then visits have been made to all the District Local Councils; and not only have members of the Deputation seen the evangelistic and elementary education work in operation under the direction of the Indian Church, but they have met in conference the Indian pastors and leading laymen all over the mission field.

The Deputation was deeply interested in the work being done for lepers at Manamadura; at Tirumangalam and Usilampatti they saw the reclamation work among the Kallar (robber) caste. The official visit to the American College is only typical of many other such days of inspection and inquiry. The work of the day was not suspended, but in the morning, before classes, a conference with the whole staff was held; and in the afternoon another conference sat with the members of the College Council. Such questions as college endowment, science courses, college extension and ultimate size of the college, and the relationship of the college to the work of the Indian Church were discussed. In the afternoon, at the General Assembly period, Dr. Potter gave a stirring address to the students.

Four days of retreat at our beautiful hill-station, Kodaikanal, gave the tired Deputation a needed time

WHILE WEBB MEMORIAL CHURCH WAS BUILDING

During the tedious years while the congregation of Webb Memorial was without a church home, the people met for worship in the recitation rooms of Capron Hall School. Note people in doorways, windows, and in rooms beyond the main hall.

ACROSS THE LAKE FROM KODAIKANAL

Where the Deputation retired for four days' study of the conditions before its findings were prepared

of quietness in which to come to grips with some of the problems which had been laid before them.

SPECIAL FUNCTIONS

As might be expected, the Deputation took part in a number of special functions. At the American College an interesting service was held in the form of laying the corner stone of the Daniel Poor Memorial Library. Dr. Potter, in his usual happy vein, acted as Chairman; Miss A. O. Welcher, representing the Woman's Board, offered prayer. The corner stone was well and truly laid by Dr. Strong, Secretary for India. This splendid and much needed building is being made possible by the gift of $25,000 from Mrs. Samuel A. Morman, in memory of her grandfather, Dr. Daniel Poor, one of the founders of the educational work of the Madura Mission.

The visitors from America attended the Eightieth Anniversary of the Pasumalai High and Training Schools, when Dr. Strong laid the corner stone of the Winchester Manual Training School, while Dr. Potter offered the prayer of dedication. This building will be the first of the new High School unit made possible by the donation of $50,000 from the Winchester Bequest of America. This will make a fine addition to the school plant at Pasumalai.

An impressive ordination service under the auspices of the South India United Church was held at the East Gate Church on February 2. Seven Indian candidates were ordained to the work of the ministry in the Madura field. Rev. C. Stanley Vaughan, Chairman of the Madura Church Council, preached an appropriate sermon in Tamil from the texts, "Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you," and "He is a chosen vessel unto me." Rev. M. S. Taylor, Secretary of the Assembly of the South India United Church, offered the ordination prayer, while about ten representative Indian ministers and missionaries laid their hands on the kneeling candidates. The right hand of Christian Fellowship was extended to all the candidates by Secretary Strong. And the Charge to the New Pastors was given by President Potter, from the text, "Be diligent in these things, and give yourselves wholly to them, that your progress may be manifest to all." The service was deeply impressive.

The last public function attended by the Deputation took the form of the Dedication Service of the Webb Memorial Church, in Madura City. It is a fine stone building with tower, the work of the mission architect and builder, Mr. J. H. Lawson, costing Rs. 56,000. It has been made possible by a gift of $11,000 by Mrs. Webb and family of America. Behind the pulpit is a beautiful stained-glass window with a large figure of the Good Shepherd in the center, in memory of Edward Allyn Webb, Jane Ballard Randall, and Bessie Browning Noyes. The church will house the girls of the Capron Hall Girls' High School and the congregation of the North Union Church. This is our largest church building, and will make a much needed addition to facilities for work in Madura. At least 1,500 people were present for the Dedication Service. Miss Welcher, representative of the Woman's Board, formally opened the building. Dr. Potter delivered an earnest and appropriate address, and the Dedicatory Prayer was offered by Dr. Strong.

And so the Board's Deputation of 1926 has come and gone. They brought with them love and warmest greeting from the home churches; and they take back with them from us to those same churches our pledge of faithful service in a common task with the devotion and hearty coöperation of the members of the Indian Church. Our God and His Church in India are marching on.

SOMETHING BEING LEFT OUT

By JOHN J. THOMAS

A heart-to-heart talk by a devoted Corporate Member of the American Board and an honored layman of Youngstown, Ohio. Dr. Thomas makes a suggestion at the end worthy of our careful thought.

OF all defects or deformities of Christian character indifference to foreign missions is the one most frequently encountered. It is one of the stigmata of spiritual innutrition, and is frequently found in the companionship of indifference to other things lovely and of good report. It is preventable, but feebly contagious, tends to become confirmed, yet is in all stages curable. Relapses are practically unknown. My qualifications for undertaking a brief discussion of this malady rest upon the fact of my having been one of its victims for more than three-fourths as many years as Israel spent in traversing the wilderness. From personal experience I thoroughly know both parochialism in religion and enthusiasm for the Kingdom.

We frequently hear it said that not to exceed one church member in ten is taking foreign missions seriously to heart. Be that as it may, it is probably not far from the truth to say that the estimate of missions taken by a large majority of church people may be outlined something as follows: That it is but an incidental rather than an essential of the church life; something well enough in its way, by no means to be opposed, a thing right enough to those attracted thereto; it being entirely an affair of one's individual option whether to give support to the enterprise. As a rule they "get away with it" successfully enough; their point of view seldom being challenged. Neither you nor I ever heard of a church member being called upon to endure discipline or losing caste with his fellows by reason of his indifference to the paramount interest of the church life. I am not predicting that you never will.

The Church is a Kingdom Extension Society, pure and simple; yet with the men of the membership exhibiting but little concern for the extension of the Kingdom. With other organizations of human kind the relation betwixt principles and practice is not usually notably inharmonious. An aquatic association is not apt to be composed of people whom timidity compels to remain ashore when wind and weather invite being afloat. The membership of an aviation society is properly enough made up of individuals who hesitate not at taking to the air upon occasion, and I am informed that there is no such thing as a swivel-chair membership in any golf club; all hands being expected to exhibit practical devotion to the game. These principles do not appear to apply to the world's one great Kingdom Extension Society.

You would scarce term this a matter of distinct heresy, would you? However, you may pile high into one heap every one of the heresies that have at any period afflicted the Church, and you will come to agree with me in the view that its aggregate of injuriousness falls short of matching that embodied in the assumption that church members are free to exercise each one his personal option in the matter of rendering obedience to the final command of our Lord.

The infirmity of the spirit known as indifference to Foreign Missions has, in a sense, its dietetic and nutritional relations. As in the physical, so is it in the spiritual; harmonious development being largely an affair of diet and nutrition. Indifference to missions is a malady of deprivation; coming of the leaving out of a vital element in the dietary of the spirit. The result of the disregard of these principles is seen in the failure of many to qualify as the runners of errands and bearers of burdens for the Kingdom. It is in things elemental to the Faith that church members lack clarity of vision. What more fundamental than the principle of the All Authority of Jesus Christ? If being fully emphasized, how so much of downright disobedience in that matter of making known His Name throughout the world? The office of the Church in the world is but faintly comprehended, else how an Ethical Club idea of church membership as opposed to that making the body of Christ a Kingdom Extension Society? The ideas of there being one Outstanding Imperative, one Supreme Obligation, attaching to membership in the Church are not being kept to the forefront to a degree anything like desirable or advantageous.

Each and all of the evils above outlined relate themselves to the admission of a minus quantity into our scheme of religious training; the vital element—that immediately bearing upon the higher satisfactions of membership in the church and that touching the interests of the Kingdom at large—being left out.

The everywhere exaltation and advancement of the principles above outlined may be depended upon to reduce to a minimum the evil of Indifference to Missions.

Realizing that there is no such thing as the full flowering of the Christian life apart from obedience in the particular in point, my heart's yearnings go out towards the indifferent. Many, oh, so many, are so by reason of their never having once in their lives listened to an adequate presentation of the claim of missions. Obtuseness of mind and slowness of heart usually has little or nothing to do with their being in that state.

It is of the grace of God that after having been of the class of the indifferent for as many months

as there are days in the year, it remained for a member of the Secretarial Staff of the American Board, through the mediumship of an article contributed to the pages of a secular publication, to turn my thought to the sin of indifference to the most sacred interest known to humanity. We wrought it out together—God, Judson Smith, and myself. Gone was mine indifference, finally and forever, I being "not disobedient to the heavenly vision."

I am not without experience of effort towards the deliverance of the indifferent. They will listen to you or me with open ears, mouth, and eyes for an hour and a quarter, and at the conclusion come forward and, thanking you, assure you of their having been led to look at the matter in an entirely new light. Oh, it is just fun, prying these people loose from their indifference. If I was a young fellow—but then, I am not!

Is there anywhere Minister or Layman aflame with missionary zeal and enthusiasm and endowed with power to discuss the missionary theme convincingly, let him be set apart for the work of "Missionary Evangelist." The churches of our own order could advantageously make use of no small number of them.

A YOUNG SCIENTIST IN SOUTH AFRICA

By AMY B. COWLES

Mrs. Cowles of Umzumbe, Natal, gives us here a glimpse into the scientific work that missionaries' sons are led into at times. The scientist in this case is her son, Raymond Cowles, in research work for his Ph.D. He is also collecting one thousand birds for Cornell University and for a Museum.

WE are kept thrilled over each day's discoveries. The latest excitement was the finding of twenty-six eggs of our huge lizard, the iguana. They were buried deep in an ant hill, being incubated by the warmth from the bodies of those myriads of white ants. Now we are all watching to see the babies hatch! How will the mother know when this is to happen? Will she run to her children or did her motherhood duties end as soon as she laid her eggs? Has she no mother instinct? Mr. and Mrs. Qamu have never been written up, and since Raymond expects to make their life history his Major, we are very much pleased that he has found the nest, which natives say they have never seen.

Photo by Ruth Cowles

A NIGHT SCHOOL BOY

One of the little herder boys of whom Mrs. Cowles has often written—"Nighties" they call themselves.

These huge lizards swarm through our bush here at our back door. These and hundreds of our most poisonous snakes have made our "Jungle" here into a regular "Preserve" for themselves. Few natives care to venture inside of it, and I notice Raymond seems content to hunt on the outskirts. But snakes no longer worry me. As long as I look where I step I am safe; only the imamba will attack, and though there are plenty of those right here, still an imamba has never attacked anything but the rats, on our place, and I do not expect it ever will. I

Photo by Ruth Cowles

THE LATEST WEDDING PARTY AT UMZUMBE

The bridegroom is the first of the "Pathfinders" to marry; the best man is the first of the night school boys to have joined the church.

am sure I am far safer with the snakes than I ever was on those auto-infested streets of Boston!

With the coming of the rains all the sleeping creatures have waked up. Ant feasts are the joy of the small boys at this season. As soon as the big, fat, flying ants begin to flutter about our lamps, our little boys make a stampede into the darkness, and soon bright fires are blazing. As the myriads of ants flutter into the flames, they are gathered into little black hands. Soon they are popped on to the coals or into a pot lid, and in no time they have disappeared down scores of "little red lanes." One dark night, when ants were fluttering up from their holes, thirty fires suddenly burst into a blaze on the slopes of the surrounding hills. It was a pretty sight, the only man-made fireworks we have, and we could fairly hear the smacking and chuckling that was going on around each of those distant fires.

I have had a fine Night School this term, with forty of the little herder boys on the Roll. How these little fellows can keep it up week after week is amazing. They study until nine-thirty, and then they are up again at early dawn to walk the mile or two to their homes, to help in the early morning ploughing. It is a big effort, but they do it even though they go to sleep while standing in Night School. I let myself build air castles, sometimes, and I see, here and there over this distracted land, one of my little herder boys, born again and changed into a shepherd of men.

My Scouts are the best yet. "Pathfinders" we call ourselves. Together we are seeking to find the Paths which lead to God. There are seventeen big boys in my Umzumbe Pathfinder Club. Most of them are in the fifth or sixth standard and will graduate from our Station School in December and pass on to the Normal Training School at Adams. We meet Friday evenings, from 6 P.M. until 10 P.M. or after. Chess, checkers, krokinole, and table croquet are the popular games. My krokinole board (bought with gift money) is a tremendous asset. The boys love it. After games, Devotions; then a business session, followed by First Aid, knot tying, nature talk, debate or music. The response is wonderful. Best of all, the boys have voted to compete for merit badges for church and Sunday school attendance. You should see us studying Paul together, just after church on Sundays! I am sure you would all envy me my bright, wide-awake class.

CONSTRUCTIVE THINKING IN TURKEY

PRELIMINARY INTER-MISSION CONFERENCE, BIBLE HOUSE LIBRARY, CONSTANTINOPLE

This gathering was held January 28, 29, of the present year. From left to right the members of the Conference are: Dr. McNaughton, American Board, Constantinople; Miss Bissell; Miss Woodsmall; Mr. Perry, Am. Board, Brousa, sec.; Mr. Jacob; Mr. Ehmann; Dr. MacCallum, Am. Board, Constantinople; Mr. Goodsell, Am. Board, Constantinople, chairman; Mrs. Huntington; Mr. Cooper; Mr. C. T. Riggs, Am. Board, Constantinople; Mr. Brewster, Am. Board, Salonica, Greece; Miss Putney, Woman's Board of Missions, Constantinople; Dr. Gates, President of Robert College, Constantinople.

MR. YEN OF SU ER CHAI, CHINA

By ERNEST W. HOULDING

ONE day not long ago I was chatting by the bedside of a Christian worker then laid up in the hospital. The hospital evangelist, Mr. Liu Fu Lu, joined me, and our conversation turned to earlier days, when I was a boy here, and these men were beginning their work with the mission. One other man had talked to me about those days before the Boxer Outbreak, and I naturally asked if they knew him—Old Man Yen of Su Er Chai.

Mr. Yen Hsiang Yun

Mr. Liu knew him well, and launched at once into the following story:—

Yen Hsiang Yün, or Yen Hsiao Pien as he is better known from the little queue he still wears, was fifty years old when he became a Christian, and that was twenty-nine years ago. I well remember the day when he first came to the mission. I was just starting as a teacher in the school then. One day I was talking with Mr. Tuan, then the evangelist here, when this man entered and bluntly said,

"I want to enter the Christian Church."

Mr. Tuan asked him what his business was. He stood up, stretched out his right arm, and cracking his knuckles, clenched his fist, and said,

"I can do this."

"Where did you hear the doctrine?" asked Mr. Tuan.

"I heard at the fair at Su Er Chai, thirty-five li (12 miles) from here. Two brothers, Liu Feng Chü and Liu Feng Chi, were there selling medicines and preaching about Jesus, whom they said was the best person in the world. I interrupted them and said, 'I have read books, and I know that the Sage was the best man that ever lived.' They answered, 'You know that Confucius was good, but Jesus was better.' And when I asked why, they told me the story of Jesus dying on the cross to be a Saviour, and the evidence of the truth of their story in the Bible and in world-wide belief. From the time I heard that Jesus had died to save men, I was moved in my heart, and I told them that I would certainly go to Lintsing and join the church."

Mr. Tuan then asked him for evidence of the honesty of his representation, remarking that he and I could also use our fists. For reply he laid aside his hat and coat, and for ten minutes or more occupied most of the room in a demonstration of his skill in our Chinese boxing. When he had finished, he bowed humbly to both of us and said,

"I wouldn't have done this for nothing if I hadn't wanted to enter the church."

After that he came in often to the meetings. We found he was well known as an instructor in the art of boxing. I suppose there must be between five and six hundred men who look to him as their master in this. In the course of time he was baptized into the church. Later he was on the paid staff for nearly three years, preaching at the city street chapel until all the work was stopped by the Boxers.

I was interested in this story, for I had often put up for a meal in the inn at Su Er Chai, and had many visits with Mr. Yen there. Occasionally he comes to Lintsing and calls on me, but he confesses that the round trip is a rather tiring walk for a man of his years, even though he has kept fit by strict temperance and systematic exercise. He has told me how, during the Boxer year, he packed away

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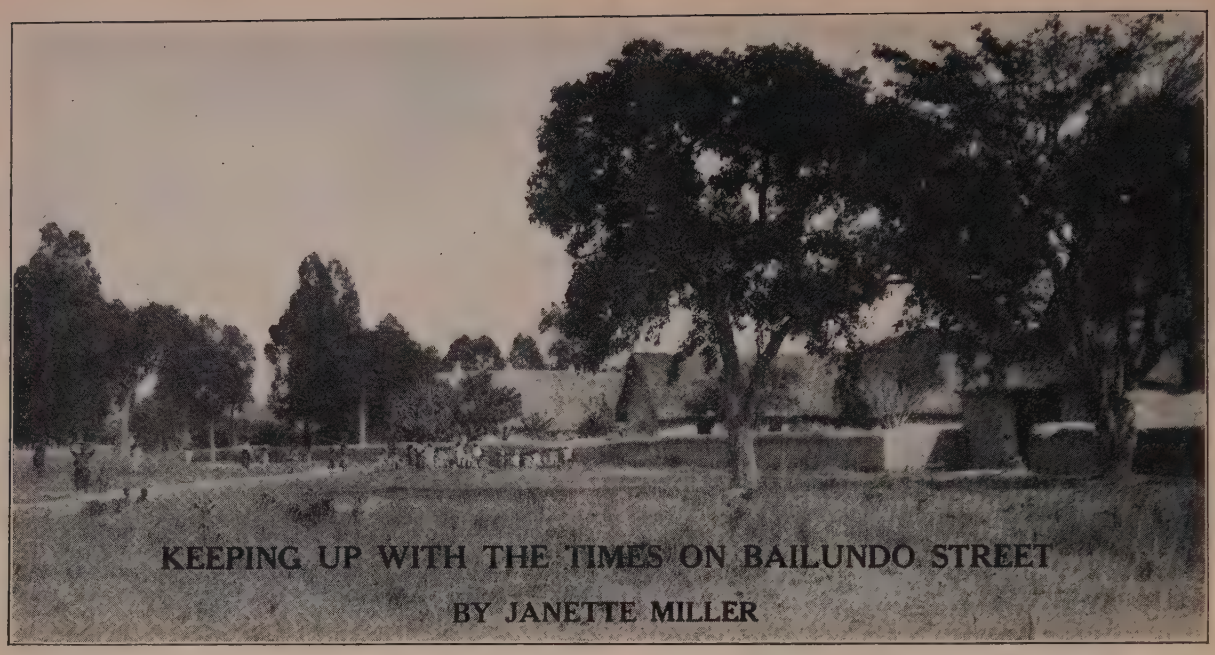
Mr. Yen and His Family

At Lintsing on the day of a Fair



KEEPING UP WITH THE TIMES ON BAILUNDO STREET

BY JANETTE MILLER

Miss Miller, educational and evangelistic missionary at Bailundo, Portuguese West Africa, under the W. B. M. I., is a sensitive interpreter of Africa to the West as well as of the Gospel to Africa. She has just arrived in America on furlough.

PROGRESS in Africa during the past forty-five years has gone so fast and so far that even an American becomes slightly dizzy in contemplating it. The old and the new are found side by side in bewildering confusion. But if the sights are incongruous the direction of the change is clear.

Right here in Bailundo alone, where the mission opened its first church in 1880, with a gathering of fourteen members, is now a church with a present membership of 1,312. A little day school held in the bedroom of the tiny house of Mr. Miller, one of the first trail blazers, has grown to seventy-one schools scattered over the district. Many of them have an attendance of over 200 children. One little mud hut by the river has developed into a village of Christian people, out of which have gone hundreds of evangelists and teachers to the neighboring towns. From following ancient groove-like trails in a tipoia hammock, and cutting brush to make paths through the thick woods, the missionaries have come to rolling about the country in automobiles on fine roads. They, who used not to see one another more than once a year at annual meetings, now receive unexpected guests from stations sixty or a hundred miles away.

But some of the old things remain. The house in which the women missionaries live was built by Dr. A. H. Webster thirty-four or thirty-five years ago. It has no foundation and the floor has been soaking away from underneath. It is built more strongly than those put up nowadays, large iron-wood timbers supporting the walls of adobe brick, two feet in thickness. The old thatch has to be patched after every rain, but leaks no worse than some of the new tile roofs which may be seen.

The original church building has fallen down and its successor, now in use, has a massive buttress, the size of an ordinary room, to prop up one side. The new church has been standing for two years roofless until the rain has stained the edge of the grass protecting the walls to a dark gray-like old thatch. There is no money to finish it because the people have been kept so busy working out their taxes that they have no time to earn anything for the church. But there are new buildings on the new addition to the mission concession, Val Verde, which the station has just acquired, and which it hopes to pay for through the proceeds of its agricultural work as payments come due.

The old capitol hill of King Ekuikui has grown up to grass and weeds. Its only population is a herder with some cattle, and once in a while a picnic party. But the stones of Mr. Woodside's first schoolhouse on the side of the hill are still marking the place. The native king has moved out of the vicinity of the Administrator, and the old drum pounded for dances is the only reminder that those muscular orgies ever existed.

The grave of one of the first missionaries of 1880 is in the orchard near the church, shaded by an oleander tree in blossom most of the year. The indomitable spirit that kept Mr. Bagster up and doing during those first months when he was full of fever, is the same that made Dr. Sanders, his survivor, a leader in the work, and has kept him a man of vision and more than ordinary accomplish-

AT THE LADIES' HOUSE, BAILUNDO

This old building was put up by Dr. Webster some thirty-odd years ago. In front is a wide veranda, which serves also for audience chamber and for market.

ment today as much as in the time of experiment and pioneering. Their spirit has left its mark upon the country, in the hearts of men and women and their sons and daughters, a mark ineffaceable, the mark upon the foreheads of immortal souls. Rev. William C. Bell, who continues the work with the same vision and consecration, sees the sons of those first converts carrying the spirit of Christ into all the country. The Holy Spirit has changed these dirty-bodied, dirty-minded, savage creatures into upright, intelligent preachers and teachers, giving all they have and are to strenuous work, paid ill or not at all, to leave the same mark upon their fellowmen.

Sometimes the old meets the new in the middle of the woods. Mr. Bell's auto, "Queenie," sails through the forest, he, it, and the road the only civilized things anywhere around. In the night the powerful light of the lamps turns the trees into white frost work, negative silhouettes against the

A NEWER MISSION HOME AT BAILUNDO

The open gate is wide enough to admit Mr. Bell's automobile, "Queenie"

black of the woods and the sky. The shaft of strong light makes a white picture, grass, flowers and bushes; and as the wide road curves, a large, crooked tree stands out in weird beauty, every leaf a high light against its own black shadow. The night birds

INSIDE THE GIRLS' COMPOUND, MAKING BASKETS

The buildings are on two sides of a square. The space within is playground, etc.; further from the house are the school gardens, and practically facing the corner of the buildings across the yard is the entrance to the teachers' gardens, with their peaches, oranges, etc.

MISS MILLER (IN WHITE) AND MISS DIBBLE ON TOUR

The covered hammock is a tepoia, in which the ladies travel when going across the wild country. The grass house is an unusually large and fine camp hut. Miss Dibble is located at Dondi. She, also, is home on furlough this year.

rise startled from the rushing disturbance of their dreams. Rabbits come unafraid, eager to investigate the light, and, unable to believe the car can overtake them, race along in front.

One night the travelers found something still more astonished that it could not keep up. They saw ahead of them a pair of cocked ears which seemed to be those of a large dog sitting on the road far ahead. He did not stir until they were almost upon him, and they saw that he was no dog, but cat-shaped, heavy, keen-eyed, and spotted. He seemed to be waiting fearlessly for the car to stop and run from him; or perhaps he wished to investigate the lights. When he did make up his mind to run, he turned and loped along in front, not hurrying uncomfortably until Mr. Bell stepped on the gas and made him race for 250 yards. He was a very much surprised young leopard when he finally gave up the contest and turned aside into the brush, defeated by this new creature invading his haunts.

Human beings may also be a bit dazzled by the light and by the novelty of civilization, but they show an ability to keep up which puts the leopard to shame. One may see the old and the new meet again at Kaputu, a mission outstation. When Mr. Bagster and Dr. Sanders came here in 1880, they were at the mercy of the heathen king, and could not even camp except where he gave permission. Now the heathen king has no power, no place of honor. But our teachers are raising up a class of good citizens for the Portuguese Government, and, what is more to the point, good citizens for the Kingdom of Heaven.

Let us visit the "last day exercises" of one of the largest schools in Kaputu. The teacher is a Dondi boy, educated at the Currie Institute after finishing all that the Bailundo schools then offered. He has had a hard year because the schools had been closed by the government for two years and he had to begin at the beginning. But he has worked faithfully with quick wit and active body and so accomplished more than one would think possible for one boy alone.

The exercise begins with an elaborate march of all the school children, each with a bunch of flowers in the hand. The leader, a tiny girl, quite self-possessed, makes no mistakes in the many turns. The single line joins another marching double file, then doubles again four abreast, separates, and swings into two broad circles which cut in on one another again, perfectly, prettily, in the broad square of the village. A large Portuguese flag makes gala day and a Portuguese neighbor enjoys the sight. When the children should be quite tired but obviously are not, we follow them to the schoolhouse, now decorated with leaves and flowers. The program is two hours long, very interesting and original. The children give many recitations in Portuguese and Umbundu, a number of them from the Bible. The music is Portuguese and Umbundu hymns, well learned and sung, accompanied by the teacher on a small organ.

After the children have filed out in order, we are escorted down a decorated street to the guest house for missionaries. On each side of the road is a row of sticks planted upright and blossoming strangely with bunches of wildflowers. A screen of banana plants is erected across the street, so that we can enter through an arbor gate.

Lunch proves to be a banquet. Mr. Bell has invited, besides the visiting white people, the chief evangelist and his wife, the chief elder and his wife, the evangelist and his wife, and one of the Bailundo teachers who has come over with us in the automobile. The first course is fried potatoes and bread and butter, after which the table is cleared by Portugal, a fine-looking Christian. The second course is roast chicken, brown and perfect, and a delicious sucking pig roasted to a turn, with light mashed potato balls as a side dish. After the table is cleared again we are offered white native grown rice and as good baked beans as any ever eaten in

REV. W. C. BELL AND HIS MACHINE

Ready to respond to a call ten miles or a hundred miles away

Boston. Then come baked yams and sweet potatoes. This is the signal for our native friends to take large helpings to carry home for the children and the grandparents. Dessert is from Bailundo: cake, loquat preserves, and some of Mr. Bell's good coffee from America, made in the evangelist's real American percolator. The side table contains peanuts and oranges, but for obvious reasons they are not consumed until we reach home.

We are a jolly company and we all try our best to be well-behaved. One lady of dusky complexion, when she sees that plates must be clean for each course, politely helps the waiter by wiping her plate on the grass which is spread thickly upon the floor. The babies do their share to make things pleasant by smiling at us all irresistibly. The teacher's little one, just beginning to talk, is being taught Portuguese in time to make it really a mother-tongue.

The little boarding family of forty-one at the Bailundo school for girls have been keeping up with the procession, too, and made good progress in the essential thing for women in this country, which is: Learning to speak the truth. Every evening at prayers they have a story, and perhaps a little talk and some pictures, besides the Scriptures, hymns, and prayer. Then the missionary talks over with them the doings of the day, and encourages them to report on themselves. If they are challenged directly, it is as natural as breathing for them to lie glibly and easily; but often they volunteer confession of failings that the missionary would never have found out, before it has even been asked. For instance, some one has washed her face with the dish cloth or forgotten to comb her hair or take out her "jiggers." It is hard to remember such utter non-essentials as washing the hands before eating; and why are not dinner forks to be used as garden tools? They are just big children.

Perhaps the thing hardest put to it to keep up with the times in Bailundo is the missionary budget. The effort to carry on this big and growing work on resources not much greater than those of early days is a problem that confronts the missionaries on every side. The difficulty of the missionaries is not to make converts, but to discourage the evangelists from making more converts than they can possibly train and care for. It is time that Africa came out of its obscure corner in the world of Congregational missionary endeavor and let the work be known for the great thing it really is.

A MEMORIAL DAY IN SOUTH AFRICA

By LIDA M. RUSSELL

As we think this month of the heroes who have died to save our country, let us remember those Americans who have laid down their lives for the salvation of other peoples. They, too, have not died in vain.

PICTURE a scene at Adams Mission Station on the Sunday morning following Armistice Day. Here under widespreading trees is a real outdoor church whose walls are the brown trunks of evergreen trees, and whose arched roof is composed of the green foliage of the same widespreading trees. The whole space is enclosed by a hedge of banana palms and flowering shrubbery. And the congregation sitting, some on benches brought from the nearby church building, but more on the green grass, make you think of the feeding of the five thousand, for they are in orderly rows—students together, women together, men together; the men of the theological class in one group, while at the left of the pulpit are the members of the student choir. Here, too, directly in front of the pulpit, is the group of little children sitting as quiet as mice, as African children can sit. And behind the pulpit, on the platform itself, is an inspiring array of native pastors, with Rev. H. A. Stick presiding and Rev. Albert E. LeRoy among them.

The location of this beautiful spot is the Adams Station Cemetery, and the occasion is the special honoring by loving remembrance of the graves of Dr. Adams, the first missionary of the American Board to the Zulus, and of the first convert to Christianity, Mbulase. Here, too, are the graves of Rev. and Mrs. Bridgman, parents of the late Dr. F. B. Bridgman and Mrs. Cowles; there is the grave of Mrs. Charles N. Ransom's mother, and of Rev. Charles H. Maxwell, formerly of Beira; and here the ashes of Dr. Bridgman will rest. Besides the grave of Mbulase, there is that of Rev. Mr. Makanya, a notable native pastor, and scores of other native graves, for the cemetery has been used for many years.

The service was beautiful and wonderfully impressive, with an American Negro spiritual, "Steal Away to Jesus," as the opening song by the choir, and the interesting and earnest talks by the speakers. Mr. Stick explained the significance of the day by telling of the American Memorial Day. Mr. Nembula, a grandson of this self-same first convert, talked. The local native pastor, Mr. Ngcoba and Mr. Bhulose talked and prayed beautifully, as those can whose faces beam with Christian love and kindness. Mr. LeRoy spoke inspiringly of the lives of faith of the early missionaries, particularly of the pioneer, Dr. Adams. For Dr. Adams had labored ten long years, and at the end of that time had as a convert only this one poor old blind woman, Mbulase. But as one Zulu speaker said, "The Gospel was planted here by Dr. Adams, just as these trees were planted, and now it has spread

and grown to this great company, just as the trees have grown."

The service was fittingly closed by the laying of wreaths upon the graves of Dr. Adams and of Mbulase. How beautifully the graves had been decorated can be imagined when you think that there is here a profusion of calla lilies, Easter lilies, roses, dahlias, and many other lovely flowers.

IN THE AMANZIMTOTI CEMETERY

Graves of Mr. and Mrs. Robbins, Mr. Bridgman, Mrs. Kilbon, Mrs. Calhoun, and other pioneers of the South Africa Mission. The graves of Dr. Adams and his first convert do not appear in this picture. It is in this section of the old burying ground that the late Dr. Frederick Bridgman's body will lie.

APPORTIONMENT RECEIPTS

As reported by the Treasurers of all Congregational Societies

	For the Month of March, 1926				For the Calendar Year to March 31, 1926			
	1926	1925	Increase	Decrease	1926	1925	Increase	Decrease
A. B.	$23,133.00	$26,505.00		$3,372.00	$49,826.00	$41,625.00	$8,201.00	
W. B. M.	14,457.00	14,746.00		289.00	24,167.00	25,411.00		$1,244.00
W. B. M. I.	10,782.00	12,617.00		1,835.00	20,087.00	21,547.00		1,460.00
W. B. M. P.								
C. E. S.	3,573.00	5,086.00		1,513.00	8,546.00	7,840.00	706.00	
C. C. B. S.	4,361.00	5,624.00		1,263.00	15,428.00	8,629.00	6,799.00	
C. H. M. S.	8,894.00	16,014.00		7,120.00	26,509.00	28,892.00		2,383.00
A. M. A.	10,695.00	13,070.00		2,375.00	19,250.00	24,550.00		5,300.00
C. S. S. E. S.	969.00	1,933.00		964.00	3,371.00	4,239.00		868.00
C. B. M. R.	1,882.00	2,494.00		612.00	8,237.00	4,367.00	3,870.00	
Annuity Fund	1,110.00	647.00	$463.00		2,068.00	1,429.00	639.00	
Foundation	1,591.00	2,361.00		770.00	24,544.00	28,299.00		3,755.00
Totals	**$81,447.00**	**$101,097.00**	**$463.00**	**$20,113.00**	**$202,033.00**	**$196,828.00**	**$20,215.00**	**$15,010.00**

NOTE: This tabulation does not include receipts by the State Home Missionary Societies or State Boards of Relief.

The Woman's Home Missionary Federation presents no separate report, its receipts being included in those of the various home societies.

SO OUR MISSIONARIES WRITE

G. Sidney Phelps, Y. M. C. A. Secretary, on a Notable Conference in Japan

"I feel as though I had witnessed a conference of the apostles. Certainly at Kamakura, where the National Christian Council of Japan met with Dr. Mott, there were gathered the modern apostles of the Japanese Church. With a unity of spirit that fused into one body representatives of the most diverse ecclesiastical groups, there was made manifest the presence of God, which revealed itself in two ways. First, there was a boldness and sincerity in facing up to the actual problems confronting the Christian Movement; everything was brought out into the open. Second, there was never a note of defeat. On the contrary, there was a refreshing optimism as constructive measures were discussed for meeting these problems. I heard missionaries and Japanese leaders alike say that the Kamakura Conference marked a turning-point in the history of the Church.

"As I return to America for a short furlough, I feel dazed by the possibilities of this situation in Japan. What may it not mean to the world, to the Kingdom of God! The Japanese are yearning for the best that the world can offer. With a new expectancy many clear thinkers are turning to the teachings of the Prince of Peace. For example, one of the most influential statesmen has declared: 'The problems of diplomacy, of commercial rivalry, of racial discrimination all await for their solution the application of the principles of Jesus Christ.'

"One great Japanese financier said to me: 'Our diplomats have failed to solve the serious problem of international relationships, and we business men have failed because we have not emphasized spiritual values. Only religion can prepare men's hearts to overcome the selfish interests of competitive trade.' "

Responsible and Interested Builders in Kyoto Kindergarten

Miss Katherine Fanning (I.), Kyoto, on Youngest Japan

"I wish you could have seen us having a cooking lesson for the kindergarten mothers the other day! While our carrot jam was boiling over the earthen-ware charcoal fires, I gave them a demonstration of the etiquette of eating a foreign meal. In the other kindergarten, some of the mothers met for several successive weeks to knit together, taught by a young woman who was one of the first in her family of ten to graduate from this kindergarten. When the families coöperate to help with the work, either with money or with actual time—far more of a gift, I feel that our aim to become an integral part of the community is promising realization. Our waiting lists indicate both that kindergartens are too scarce and that people appreciate that there is something different about a Christian kindergarten, for I have never heard of the Government kindergartens limiting their numbers, while we limit ours to sixty, having three teachers. With our gifts of grain, fruit, and vegetables brought by the children, and given to needy people at Thanksgiving time, little Christmas gifts made by the children for those in city *crèches* and hospitals, the children's interests and sympathies are being broadened, and always, we hope, towards international sympathy and understanding.

On the Waiting List

"Little Ryu Chan is a fair example of the sweet, simple ideas of God and Prayer that the children have. He had to have a major operation, and, of course, when he came out from the ether, his poor little, stitched-up 'tummy' hurt him too much to keep the tears back, and he did long for a drink. So he folded his small hands and prayed thus: 'God, help it not to hurt, and help them to give me a drink soon'; and all the nurses marveled that he was so patient and brave. He made a speedy recovery and is simply beaming in kindergarten now.

"We are constantly under the eyes of the government—we must send in innumerable reports to the omnivorous record keepers. Some day I hope they will show as much interest in our methods of character-building as they now do in our equipment, number of graduates, teachers' salaries, etc. But we have considerable to be thankful for that they are paying so much attention to living and educa-

tional conditions. I witnessed the undressing and weighing of about fifty-five young citizens of Japan, the other day, at one of my kindergartens, and it was an interesting sight. The poor things must be dressed to live in houses almost as cold as the outdoors, so they wear layers on layers of knitted garments—regardless of color or shape. When I learn what to do for catarrh, I think I shall try it on the entire 160 of my children; I sometimes feel that I am doing what 'The Lady of the Decoration' said she would like to do—'wipe the nose of young Japan!' "

CHIEF SOLOMON OF THE ZULU NATION VISITS INANDA

Miss Walbridge at the right

MISS MARGARET E. WALBRIDGE (B.) OF SOUTH AFRICA, ON INANDA'S RECEPTION TO SOLOMON, THE CHIEF OF THE ZULUS

"Last Sunday we had the honor of receiving a call from the Paramount Chief of the Zulu nation, Solomon. This is the first time in the fifty-seven years of the school's existence that the head of the Zulu nation has paid us a visit. He came unexpectedly and only remained about an hour. With him came Rev. John Dube, another Zulu chief, and some of the prominent men of the Zulu nation. The chief very kindly said a few words to the pupils, telling them to use the education that they received here after they left school. He was invited to come again later in the school year to see the work of the school, and this he promised to do. The girls who were here last year sang a praise song in his honor and then the entire school sang the Zulu National Anthem. He permitted pictures to be taken of himself and his party with the various members of the school. Most of the pupils here had never seen their chief before, and they were much excited over the visit. The chief is about thirty-one or thirty-two years old and is a good-looking Zulu. He was rather shy in his manner and left us with a very good opinion of him. I do not think that he is a Christian himself, but he is not opposed to Christianity. He has lately advocated compulsory education for all his people, and the time will soon come when it will begin, at least in some of the districts.

"Yesterday we had the honor of receiving another distinguished visitor—Mr. J. H. Oldham, the author of 'Christianity and the Race Problem.' His wife was with him, and there were others in the party. They also remained here only for an hour, but it was a pleasure to have them visit the school.

"Our enrollment has again increased this year. At present we have 214 pupils in the school!—the largest number at any time, for last year was 175. We can easily take up to 250, and have dining room space for 300, but I do not think we can accommodate that many in our dormitories. The increase has been in the High School Departments, and shows the demand on the part of the native people for higher education for their girls.

"Thirty-five large districts are represented; that probably means at least double the number of sub-districts. The mothers of fifty-two pupils studied here, and the grandmothers of six. Two years ago our entire enrollment was only 130; we have almost that number of new girls this year. There are two new members on the teaching staff, one a Natal-trained teacher, who has taken three years at Amanzimtoti; the other comes from the Cape Province, and has passed Matriculation examinations and taken the first year for her B.A. degree.

"This past week we have had the first real inspection of the school for several years. The district school inspector spent the entire week here. He gave us a lot of help, too. He is a man who knows his work well, and at one time was a most successful teacher under another Mission Board. We are indeed fortunate in the type of man employed by the government for school inspection. All who come here are A1.

"Dr. Alan Taylor of the Durban Hospital was here recently for two days, and started conducting medical examinations, with the school nurse, of all the pupils. We hope to help those with bad teeth, eyes, ears, and a tendency toward T. B. especially."

MRS. EDWARD FAIRBANK TELLS OF TOUCHING GENEROSITY AT VADALA, INDIA

"Our last school holiday came during cotton-picking season, which gave the children a chance to earn something. When the boys returned, they came to say that they had saved some of their earnings, with which they would like to put some destitute child into school—quite their own idea. One of their number had a little sister, motherless, fatherless, left by her uncle to beg, and they selected her as their *protégée*, asking to be allowed to put her into the girls' boarding school. They brought with them money to pay her expenses for six months, promising the balance for the year. This is the contribution of boys, almost no one of whom owns a coat or a pair of sandals, but who consider two cotton shirts, two loin cloths, a plate, and a drinking-cup a complete school outfit.

"At Christmas time they sent four annas to buy their little Gangu some glass bangles—a matter of duty for fathers and brothers. When she arrived her wardrobe was so scanty that the girls took up a collection among themselves, and with the $1.25 gathered, bought cloth, with which they made her two dresses. When 'White Gift' Sunday came the teachers warned us that with the effort the boys had made for Gangu they could not do much for Christmas; but the children had been planning and earning for it for two weeks beforehand, and their contributions were more than the previous Christmas—enough to furnish dinners for all the very poor homes in this little community.

"Not only the children have been concerned to help. The expenses of our work have grown beyond our present or probable future resources. We explained to our people the necessity of cutting down some lines of work. . . . The seventy-five or eighty mission workers came to say that if it would save the work from being curtailed, each man would

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THE BOOKSHELF

The Task in Japan. A Study in Modern Missionary Imperatives. By August Karl Reischauer, D.D. 1926: Fleming H. Revell Company. Pp. 231. Price, $1.50.

The writer of this book is Professor of Comparative Religions in the Meiji Gakuin, Tokyo, and the author of the best book on Japanese Buddhism that has been published in English. To those that know his marked fitness for writing the present volume, his name upon the title page gives assurance that what follows is worthy of earnest consideration. The substance of the book was given in lectures to theological students in Princeton University and other institutions. Would that it might be read by all persons contemplating missionary work, even though in other countries than the one with which it specially deals, for it is probable that conditions such as the author describes as making the problems in Japan "radically different from what they were only a short generation ago," will sooner or later effect similar changes elsewhere. The chapter on "Motives, Aims and Attitudes" deserves the attention of all present and prospective missionaries—yes, and of all persons interested in their work—leading them to consider the questions asked or suggested: "What are the real motives for carrying on our missionary work?" "Just what are we really trying to accomplish in our great missionary enterprise?" What shall be "our attitudes as individual missionaries, and the attitudes of the Church and the nation we represent, towards the people among whom we labor?" In helping to answer these questions in their relation to Japan, the author describes its native religions, the prevalence in that country of what he calls "the New Naturalism," and the present status there of Christianity. O. C.

Roving Through Southern China. By Harry A. Franck. New York: Century Company. Pp. 649. Price, $5.00.

A graphic and detailed story of the wanderings of an incorrigible traveler up and down, over and across that part of China south of the line "where rice begins." It is a story full of incident and color—yes, and of odor; for if there is a smell in China which Mr. Franck doesn't describe, it is because words fail him. That words don't often fail him the rising 260,000 in the book are a proof! He has covered hundreds of miles on foot; has traveled in many kinds of craft on all sorts of streams, canals, ponds, and ditches; has used Chinese local railways, sometimes the only "outsider," sometimes with a missionary or two for companion or guide; now and then with an American or British business man. He was constantly entertained at missionary homes, and says "missionary hospitality has no limits except the sharp line between vice and virtue."

Of course, Mr. Franck discusses extraterritoriality, and he describes with shrewdness and humor sessions of some of the Mixed Courts, where a foreign "assessor" and a Chinese magistrate are supposed to have equal authority. He refers to that mysterious source of government income called *likin*, and makes clear its cause, if not the manner of its assessment, and the rules by which it is collected. His story of postal and monetary conditions is full, and backed up by many illustrations.

Missionaries are studied, as well as business men and diplomats, and the author praises unreservedly the doctors, both men and women. He is careful to name no names, but some of his descriptions are recognizable, and will be gratifying reading to many of our constituency. His conclusions on missions and missionaries in general are embodied in a chapter entitled "Musings From a Holy Mountain-Top." He quotes most of the age-old criticisms of missionaries—that they live in greater comfort and more healthful conditions than their flocks; have too many servants; have much more honor than they possibly could acquire in their home lands, etc., etc. He adds one or two rather amusing comments of his own, such as that "one rarely finds a piece of real literature, except the Bible, in mission homes!" But after all has been said as to the dangers and unwisdom of mission work, he declares that "one looks almost in vain for any other influence for good in the China of today." It is a pity that so interesting a book should have absolutely no index.

THE HOME BASE

American Board

PROGRESS IN MERGER

Our readers who are seeking to follow the progress of the merger movement, especially as it relates to the Foreign Boards, will welcome the following items of information:—

In another section of the *Herald* will be found a statement as to the adjourned Annual Meeting of the American Board, resulting in the electing of seventy-five women to corporate membership, the enlargement of the Prudential Committee to thirty-six members, including twelve women, and the organization of the Committee on the new basis.

The next step for the Foreign Boards is to devise a plan for the combination of the executive departments. A committee of the Prudential Committee, coöperating with the Council of Woman's Boards, is now at work on this problem, as are the cabinets of the Boards concerned. Although the Home and Treasury Departments offer more difficulties than the Foreign and Editorial Departments, no insuperable obstacle has been found. At no distant day it should be possible to decide upon the new lines of administration, and tentatively at least upon the personnel involved. Certainly no one could ask for a finer spirit in the matter of subordinating personal considerations to the welfare of the Board than that which prevails in all four organizations.

The Chicago Office of the American Board was transferred to the Commission on Missions on March 1, Secretary English being retained by the Commission. The New York Office was similarly transferred on April 1, with Rev. H. G. Vincent, formerly pastor at Pittsfield, Mass., in charge. All missionaries arriving in New York, sojourning in that city, or sailing from that port, are invited to use the joint office, at 287 Fourth Avenue, exactly as they have been using the office of the American Board in the same building. Mr. Vincent holds himself ready to serve them in every possible way. At the same address will be found Mrs. Franklin Warner, President of the Woman's Board of Missions, and Miss Uline, formerly Home Secretary of the Woman's Board of Missions of the Interior, now connected with the office of the Commission on Missions; and they will welcome the chance to render any help in their power.

The San Francisco office has temporarily been transferred to the Conference of Northern California, of which Rev. William J. Minchin is the efficient secretary; he, also, desires to have missionaries and others make themselves at home under his roof. Rev. Jerome C. Holmes, our former secretary on the Coast, is giving half-time to the special interests of the Foreign Boards, having his desk in the office of the State Conference. He will lose no opportunity to give information or help.

Union Regional Committees, as recommended by the National Council, are in process of formation at Boston, New York, Washington, Chicago, and San Francisco. The work of these Committees is yet to be clearly defined, but it is proposed that, in coöperation with the State Conferences on the one hand and the Boards and the Commission on Missions on the other hand, they will concern themselves with the problem of conserving and developing the work and interests hitherto carried by the Woman's Boards and the Woman's Federation, emphasizing missionary education, the cultivation of individual donors, the securing of student volunteers, the holding of institutes and conventions, and certain lines of work semi-administrative in character. On April 6 the Committee for the Mid-West Region met in Chicago for organization, and good progress was made. Sixty-three persons, men and women, were present, representing all the Mid-Western states. It has been decided that two meetings of the full Committee will be held each year, with expenses paid for one representative from each state. An Executive Committee of twelve, one-third women, was appointed, with Dr. Charles C. Merrill of Chicago as Chairman. There was also appointed a Committee on Constitution and By-Laws, of which Superintendent Faville of Wisconsin is Chairman. It was decided to establish at once four departments: for Woman's Work, Field Work, Literature, and Projects. Other departments will be added as occasion requires. It was voted that all state superintendents of the Region and all District secretaries should be members of this Regional Committee, with vote. Rev. William F. English, Jr., the former District Secretary of the American Board, is to be secretary of this Mid-West Regional Committee, as well as acting in behalf of the Promotional Council of the Commission on Missions.

No date can be set when the complete unification of the Foreign Boards will be effected. It cannot be earlier than January 1, 1927, and may be somewhat later. In the meantime the constituents of the Boards are asked to contribute exactly as in the past, and to carry on in old-time devotion and loyalty.

Woman's Board of Missions

Hartford Invests in Bombay Real Estate

A building lot in downtown Hartford has a vital connection with a building lot in downtown Bombay and the story is an interesting one. Immanuel Church, Hartford, has come to have a living link with that great Indian city through Mrs. Katherine V. Gates, its own missionary, who is at the head of the newly opened community work for women there. Knowing through her of its growth which makes urgent a suitable plant, the church has recently made through our Board a generous gift, with the assurance of more to come. By the sale of a valuable property, the church has acquired a fund of $200,000. The trustees propose to use one-third of the income each year for work on the foreign field; one-third for work in the homeland; and one-third for service in Hartford and vicinity. Accumulated income has made possible the gift of $9,495, which we are asked to use in the purchase of needed land in Bombay. During the year it expects to contribute from current income a sum of $4,000 for the same purpose; thus more than half of the $25,000 authorized by the Board for building sites will be provided by Hartford friends. New Haven Branch is also intensely interested in this Bombay project and is collecting funds for it.

These gifts are far more than an investment in real estate—they are an investment in life for the uplift of the women and little children in a crowded city, and for the releasing of spiritual forces, the result of which in the future no one can estimate.

Three Doctors at Madura Hospital

For years we have been trying to provide our Madura Hospital for Women and Children with the three doctors who are urgently needed for this large plant, and for the thousands of patients who come yearly to its doors. Unfortunately, we have had only one physician for some of the time, with the help of two or three young Indian women who have received medical training. Since Dr. Parker's marriage we have had the assistance of Dr. Elena Shmotin, a Russian who was secured in India, and we had recently for two months the services of Dr. Pennington, a visitor from California. Now it is a cause for rejoicing that our staff of physicians numbers three, and that we have two permanent American nurses. Dr. Korcagina, another Russian doctor, a friend of Dr. Shmotin, who has been trying for months to secure her passport to travel from Serbia to India, is now on the ground and has taken charge of the medical wing. Dr. Shmotin has the care of the maternity ward.

The great need for a surgeon has also been filled by the arrival of Dr. I. Mary Roberts, an American, whose home is over the line in Canada. She is a graduate of Toronto University, spent a year in the States as resident physician at the Woman's Hospital in Philadelphia, and took special work at London and Vienna before undertaking missionary service in India. For the past ten years she has been on the staff of Ludhiana Medical College, in charge of a surgical and gynecological ward, and also teaching classes. Her experience in India and her real missionary purpose are great assets to our Board, and we only regret that she has not as yet sought permanent appointment.

The Passing of Dr. Woodhull

Word has come to us of the death, March 25, of Dr. Kate C. Woodhull at her home in Riverhead, Long Island, after only a week's illness. She was nearly eighty-four years old. Her connection with the Board has been a long and significant one, for she was a pioneer in the medical work for women in the Foochow Mission, and the first woman doctor sent out by our Board to China. Soon after her arrival in Foochow in 1884, she opened a dispensary and little hospital, and began to train her own Chinese assistants, graduating in all six classes of medical students. Her sister Hannah, who went with her, established the first kindergarten in Foochow and developed the evangelistic work for women. After twenty-eight years of service, they came back to America to make their home at Riverhead, from which Miss Hannah had the call to the Larger Life several years ago. Dr. Woodhull has lived on there, active in church and community work and beloved by all. Her friends rejoice with her in that she saw her prayers for a new hospital building in Foochow answered—given by New York State Branch and named the Kate C. Woodhull Hospital. At its dedication, just a year ago, several of Dr. Woodhull's former pupils who are still practicing medicine attended the service, and Pastor Gwok, who was minister of the church when the Woodhulls were on the field, gave the address. She is still warmly remembered among a circle of friends in China, and all who have come in touch with her life of service have found inspiration.

Dr. Woodhull

Work Dependent on Maintained Gifts

The Branches have had a gain in gifts for regular work and buildings this month, which makes their gain for the year thus far $566. The gifts from other sources are, however, $2,540 behind last year, so the net result is rather disheartening. Fortunately, the legacies have been larger and more interest has come from investments and deposits. Yet it is upon living donors that the work depends.

Woman's Board of Missions of the Interior

The Treasury Says

It is fortunate that we are not publishing a table of our March receipts, for it is a most discouraging one. From Apportionment sources we received $1,834.91 less than came in last year at this time. We ought to have at least $3,000 more in this column, as well as many gifts from specially interested friends, in order to make this a banner year, as we hope to do.

As you all know, we had to make a cut in our appropriations for certain parts of the work in the field—a temporary cut, we hope, and the quotations from the following letter will put the matter clearly before you, and show just how serious it would be if this cut had to be a permanent one, as our Deficit for the past two years and the present loss in our March apportionment receipts seems to indicate.

Miss Martha Wiley of Foochow, China, writes:—

"I know that the Board is in debt, and I am not ungrateful for past help and loving interest of the home workers, but I *am* appalled at the situation. Take the Woman's School, for instance. Since this was given over to me I have secured good teachers and, of course, the salary had to be increased. Last term forty-five students, besides their children, came. I could not send them home if I had to go very short of necessities myself, for they all studied up to the limit of their ability to get 'The Truth.' The Chinese Women's Organization keeps giving to workers in the mission, which means a tremendous sacrifice on their part. The money comes in cents and dimes—even cash—and rarely is there a contribution as large as a dollar in value.

"The Bible-women are paid $3.50 a month out of the W. B. M. I. appropriations. They are working hard in desperately wicked, heathen villages. This month one Bible-woman in a new place had one woman ready to be baptized, and she was a clearly-taught, converted woman; in another village two women joined the church; in another, eight persons were baptized as a result of the Bible-woman's work; and in still another seven women were received as members. In place of twenty we should have at least 100 of these devoted Bible-women."

Ideals for the Sofia American Schools

President Black, the newly elected head of the Samokov schools which are soon to be removed to the capital of Bulgaria, spoke at a recent Friday Meeting. He said in part:—

There is a new attitude in America toward missionary work. It seeks an answer to the question, "Why invest our money there?" Since the War there is a new Near East also, and this includes Bulgaria. The psychology of its people has changed.

The Boys' School at Samokov was established in 1860 and the Girls' School three years later. This makes them the oldest schools of that grade in the Near East. Two American educational streams are affecting Bulgaria—a student body of 300 in Samokov and the 175 students from Bulgaria studying at Robert College and the Constantinople College for Women. In every town of Bulgaria former students at these institutions are to be found.

In the new *régime* for the American Schools as instituted in Sofia the course of study will be four years of high school and two of college. This will fit them for entrance into the European universities. The land is provided, and an endowment fund for the running expenses, but the buildings must yet be put up. The cost of building there will be 30 per cent of the cost in America, so every dollar invested will do the work of three.

For the sake of economy and as a matter of principle, students will do a large part of the work, as the importance of having students trained to be handy at anything is recognized. These schools will be continued because American education, based on intelligence and character, appeals to the Bulgarian people.

Personal Items

Michigan women will be interested to know that Miss Janette Miller spent the first weeks of her furlough at the Auburndale Missionary Home in Massachusetts. Now she has gone to Clifton Springs for a short stay, so as to have a precautionary medical examination. On the whole she is well and quite strong. After Clifton Springs she will be in Michigan. An illustrated article by Miss Miller is one of the features of this number of the *Missionary Herald.*

Recent visitors at the Friday meetings were Mrs. J. F. Hardin and Mrs. Garland from Iowa and Mrs. E. N. Canine of Terre Haute, Indiana.

A Program for Montana Women

From *Congregational Montana*—a proposal for its Assembly-Conference in June:—

> "In the afternoon let the women feature a missionary meeting each day, a Missionary Tea, a World Service Dinner, etc. The idea is demonstration—not to tell, but to show what to do."

The above is but one of several suggestions lately observed as to how very useful the women in the churches will be even after the merger plans have gone into effect. It seems they are the ones to be looked to for information about our world projects.

Indiana Woman's Boards Unite

A large representation from the Woman's Boards was present at the Indiana State Conference held at Kokomo recently. The new organization of the Woman's Boards will henceforth be known as the Woman's Missionary Society of the Indiana Conference.

Woman's Board of Missions for the Pacific

Forty Years at Lintsing

This is the anniversary month at Lintsing, and we can think of the "First Congregational Church" of that city putting on programs of thanksgiving for all the way in which the Lord has led them "these forty years." Rev. F. M. Chapin and Rev. H. P. Perkins went there in 1886, leased an old granary which they could remodel, and opened a dispensary. Afterwards they were able to buy land and put up two brick dwellings. When their families could join them, two years later, woman's work began. It was a curious thing to see a foreign woman with large feet and a white baby, and nothing more was required to gather a crowd. Great care was necessary in all the building. There must be no basement or upper story, things to which the Chinese of that region were not accustomed; and the well diggers could be prevailed upon to set aside their superstitions only by a religious service of some kind before they began the well.

There were seven charter members of the church organized in August, 1891. It was no easy step to take. Three were women, one of whom became the first Bible-woman—though timid and modest, she gave devoted service up to the time of her death, several years after; and many earnest women followed her example and gave all the light they could in a dark and needy part of the world. The child of one of the gate-keepers was the first girl to grow up with natural feet, and she has become one of the foremost Y. W. C. A. Secretaries of China. The medical work that was opened by Mrs. Estella A. Perkins, M.D., is now housed in our beautiful Elizabeth Memorial, cared for by Dr. Alma Cooke and Miss Valley Nelson. Mr. and Mrs. Perkins are now in Claremont, Cal., and Mr. and Mrs. Chapin are residents of Ann Arbor, Mich.

Commencement at Union Kindergarten Training School

It was a great affair, the Union Theological School and the Union Boys' Middle School united in the program, and the delightful setting was the new Porter Kindergarten. There were at least 350 guests and the room did not seem crowded. Eleven of the graduates were from the Union Kindergarten Training School.

The Susan Merrill Farnam Home

Mrs. Farnam, who was Foreign Secretary of our Board for thirteen years, took the deepest interest in the establishing of our work in Foochow, and was determined the kindergarten workers should have a suitable home. We were raising the money at the time of her death, and it seemed peculiarly fitting that her name should be attached to the fund, and finally to the building.

Now for an Early Start

The accounts of Christmas entertainments in our mission stations now coming in remind us that May is just the time to get our next Christmas offerings under way. While our children are interested in their own handwork, they can begin to plan the things that will contribute to a happy time in China, Africa, or Mexico next winter.

A Real Chapel

Such is the great need of Doshisha University, declares Miss Denton. Do we realize that there is no building in the whole plant that will hold even one-fourth of the student body? They can never have the inspiration of numbers in the fullest sense excepting when the weather permits them to have an outdoor assembly. Their weather is not like that of California, and a Greek Theater, even if they had one, would not answer for them. Included in our Jubilee budget was a sum to aid the Girls' College to have a chapel, but it is not sufficient. President Ebina often stresses the fact that the object for which alone the institution has reason to exist is the production of strong Christian character. A suitable chapel would contribute much toward this result.

Miss Jeannie Jillson on the Pacific Coast

Miss Jillson's first visit to the Pacific Coast has been a rare opportunity for all who have had the privilege of meeting her and of hearing her tell of the work at Brousa. *En route* to San Francisco in March, she stopped at Salt Lake City and Reno to speak at church services and in women's meetings. After several weeks in California, she is returning East via Washington, Oregon, and Idaho, where speaking engagements have been planned for her, including the State Conference in Oregon. It has been a delight, too, to Miss Jillson to know in person the women of her Board and its constituency. After seeing and hearing Miss Jillson, and feeling her remarkable personality, one can understand how it was that during the War she was able to save thousands of lives, and how she has won the confidence and respect of Turkish authorities.

Workers Needed

The W. B. M. P. must have a directora for the day and boarding school at Mazatlan, Mexico, by the beginning of the fall term next September. The need is for some one who has had training in primary work, and who speaks Spanish, and is, as well, capable of assuming the responsibilities of the position.

An urgent plea has come from Doshisha that a teacher for the English Department be sent out to take the place of our resigning missionary there.

METHODS AND PROGRAMS

The Primary Department of the High Street Congregational Church of Auburn, Me., has had a glorious year of service for others. It all began with a delegate—a young girl of little or no experience but great enthusiasm, sent to a summer conference for inspiration and training. She has worked wonders with a fascinating group of boys and girls, of which she was made Department Superintendent. One of the most interesting evidences of that work is expressed in the delightful model of their own church, which figures in the picture above. Complete, porch, stained-glass windows and all, it stood some three feet high at one side of the Primary Department room. The bell in the tower was equipped with a long rope of cord, which the children could pull before they had their worship service. Then on a large wall map stretched behind the little church was located place after place made brighter because of their efforts—places needing friends to which those boys and girls could become friends. Long lines of blue and green and pink and yellow stretched from the back of the little church—the very location of their own Primary Department room to that map, to express the out-reach of their efforts.

The church was made out of a plain, ordinary, corrugated cardboard box, by a real genius for construction—a genius developed in the young superintendent herself. Plenty of *passe-partout* paper in just the right shade of gray, and art paper to take the place of paint, and a big brightly colored poster cut up to make stained-glass windows, and two or three sheets of cardboard made the equipment complete. Naturally the children loved it. They have taken great joy in their service, too, and were so eager to help their whole church catch some of their joy that the following program, outlined by the superintendent, was presented.

It should be said in explanation that the church supports its own missionaries in the field in India, to whom part of their gifts were sent. The Mexico gift was a part of the regular investment for Primary and Junior groups under the Woman's Board of Missions, to help provide a kindergartner for boys and girls of Mexico.

For further information write to your Woman's Board, by which projects will be furnished at any time in the year suitable for the investment of your Primary Department. The church at Auburn and its teachers use the educational material furnished by the Boards, and use it to the full, adding to it in the best way possible from their own store of initiative and ability. R. I. S.

A PRIMARY DEPARTMENT PARENTS' AFTERNOON

By Crystal Halsey

A Parents' Afternoon was observed in the Primary Department, during which the program "Where Our Pennies Go" was presented in song and story, making clear to parents and friends what we have been doing for others with our earnings and savings.

An introduction was given by the Superintendent, giving the details of each project taken up during the year, and attention drawn to the exhibition with service streamers leading from the model of the church to countries all over the world to whose children our children send gifts of love, money, toys, and school materials. An explanation of lesson materials, notebooks, and handwork was also given. During the social hour which followed the program, an opportunity was given the parents to examine these notebooks and handwork, and for discussion with the teachers.

"Where Our Pennies Go"

1. A bright, shiny penny made its appearance first. A piece of cardboard about a yard in diameter, covered with cloth the color of a new penny, with the Indian head and letters outlined in crayon, was rolled in by a little girl dressed in a teddy-bear suit, with hood, feet, and mittens all the same color as the penny.

"Oh, here I am, a bright, shiny penny,
Passing through the hands of many,
Never staying long in a place;
The children love me for my shiny face.
So, here I am, the children's penny,
Which they worked so hard to earn,
Then to Sunday School they brought me,
That some other child might learn
Of God, the Heavenly Father,
And Christ, the Holy Son;
Of His Love and of His Mercy,
And the wondrous things He's done."

2. Whenever a birthday occurs in the Department, pennies are brought by the child, and dropped in the birthday jug, a penny for each year. A birthday cake with pink candles already lighted is held by the child, while the whole Department sings. So in the program the birthday child came forward, counted the pennies, and the children sang:—

"Jesus bids us shine with a pure, clear light,
Like a little candle burning in the night;
In this world of darkness we must shine,
You in your small corner, I in mine."

At the end of the year the jug is opened, and equally divided between Home and Foreign Missions. This was explained in detail by one of the second grade classes.

3. The children have recently learned more about their little friends in Mexico, and are saving their pennies to help send them the teacher whom they want so much. In rolled the penny again to tell of foreign fields:—

"Some of us cross the river into Mexico," said she.

With this sentence of introduction, a third-year class presented the following:—

First Child: Oh, Christmas was so lovely,
With White Gifts for the King;
We hope our lamp burns brightly,
And cheers up everything.
Away, away, away we go
To bring joy now to Mexico.

Second Child: They need to learn the verses that we know—
"Love is kind."
"I will help thee."
"Let your light shine."
"Forgive, and ye shall be forgiven."

Third Child: They need to believe the things I believe—
I believe in my Sunday School.
I believe to be honest is the best always.

Fourth Child: I believe in working, not waiting.
I believe in laughing, not weeping.

Fifth Child: I believe in kindness, in good cheer, and in friendship.
I believe in helping wherever I can.

Sixth Child: I believe in giving, not receiving.
I believe in doing as well as hearing.

Seventh Child: They need teachers like ours to teach them these things. I shall give my nickels to send them a teacher.

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MISSIONARY PERSONALIA

DR. GEORGE A. WILDER OF MT. SILINDA, WITH HIS FRIEND, REV. NGANGENI DHLAKAMA

Word has just come of the sudden death of Pastor Ngangeni Dhlakama of Gogoyo. He received his training at the mission schools and in the seminary at Natal, and came to Mt. Silinda with the missionaries when they came in from East Central Africa. On April 29, 1923, a church was organized at Gogoyo and he was ordained.

Rev. Ngangeni was the only ordained Ndau in Africa. He was notable for his sincerity, his humility, and his power. Prior to his ordination he was a teacher, and his influence for good over his pupils was said to be wonderful. In a letter, just received, by one of the Rhodesia Mission now on furlough, is this statement: "Ngangeni has been chosen more than once to fill the hardest place because of being the only one who could really be trusted." There was no doctor at Chikore during his sickness, and the telephone wires were down; so consultation with Mt. Silinda was not possible. The African nurse who attended Ngangeni did not recognize the symptoms of blood poisoning until it was too late to help him.

The engagement has been announced of Miss Helen Caldwell, daughter of Prof. and Mrs. Samuel Caldwell of the International College, Smyrna, to Mr. Richard C. Dutrow (Princeton, '25) of the International College staff.

Rev. Albert J. Saunders, Professor of Economics in the American College, Madura, has been appointed by the Madras Government a member of the committee to consider the causes of unemployment in the Presidency and to make recommendations for remedying the situation. Last year Professor Saunders was called upon to give evidence before three Government Committees of Enquiry: Indian Economic Enquiry, Indian Taxation Enquiry, and the Royal Commission on Indian Currency and Exchange.

Mrs. Lillian Sewny, recently in Beirut with the Near East, has accepted an invitation to the American College, Salonica, to act as matron and nurse. She enters upon her new work in October.

Mr. Alford Carleton, having received a definite and final negative from the government authorities regarding his going to Mardin, left Constantinople on March 7 for his former station of Tarsus, to pick up his belongings and go thence to Aleppo, to help out for the rest of the school year in the Boys' School under Dr. J. E. Merrill.

Dr. and Mrs. Alexander MacLachlan, of the International College, Smyrna, celebrated the thirty-fifth anniversary of their wedding on February 14. Turkish and foreign friends brought greetings, gifts, and good wishes for the occasion.

Miss Elizabeth C. Clarke (B.), of Sofia, Bulgaria, has recently returned to Boston after a long visit to Claremont, Cal., where her aunt, Mrs. Ursula C. Marsh, is living with a daughter. Mrs. Marsh was one of the first seven missionaries sent out by the Woman's Board of Missions. As Miss Ursula Clarke, she sailed, in October, 1868, for Brousa, and after her marriage to Mr. Marsh, lived and worked in Bulgaria, retiring only after forty-seven years of service. Mrs. Marsh is now over eighty but is still active in church work, and keeps up her interest in world affairs.

The engagement is announced of Miss Rena L. Nutting (B.) of Diongloh, China, to Rev. Osmond J. Billings, pastor of the Congregational Church at Orange, Mass. Miss Nutting has spent part of her first furlough in Massachusetts. She is now in New York, studying at Dr. White's Bible School. The marriage is planned for next June.

The Woman's Board of Missions has just heard of the engagement of still another of its social workers in North China. Miss Jean Dickinson of Peking has followed in the footsteps of Marion Chatfield, Esther Moody, and Emma Lueders, but does not expect to be married for a year or more. Her *fiancé* is Mr. Truman Potter, who is just finishing his medical course in Chicago.

President Rockwell Harmon Potter, of the Board, was expected to sail for America from Japan on the 20th of April, following a conference in Japan with representatives of the Japan Mission and leaders of Kumiai Church.

Dr. Ruth Parmelee was taken ill with scarlet fever the latter part of February, just as she was assuming responsibility for the American Women's Hospitals at Kokinia and Dergouti.

CHAPLAIN OF INANDA SEMINARY

Rev. C. K. Goba, retired Zulu pastor. He once spent a year in America, helping in the translation of the Zulu Bible. His home is in Inanda.

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Eighth and Ninth Children: So shall I. And I!

Tenth Child: I shall make a nice scrapbook to send to some child.

Eleventh Child: I shall send crayons, pencils, scissors, and a lot of things.

All join in song, which is sung to tune of "He Knoweth" in "Carols," by Leyda.

Do you know where go the nickels
That each week the children bring,
Do you know why we are happy,
Why we smile, and why we sing?
To Mexico, who needs a friend,
Our gifts we gladly send.

4. The penny then announced a new land.
"Some of us roll across the waters to India."

Then another third-year class represented our Christmas Gift of electric lights to our little friends in India. Seated in native costume around a table, studying, the following conversation took place:—

First Child: This light is so dim I can hardly see the words in my book.

Second Child: I know it; I wish we had some bright lights like those in the English shops.

Third Child: Perhaps if we had better lights we could learn more about Jesus.

Fourth Child: Oh, I heard the Mem-sahib say the other day that those children in the United States might send us a light for Christmas.

Fifth Child: Well, I wish Christmas was here.

Sixth Child: It won't be long now. It is almost the Holiday Season.

Enter Seventh Child with electric light, lighted in hand: The children of my Sunday School heard of your wish for a bright light, and they send you this. We hope it will help you to study more easily.

5. Again the shiny penny rolled in to tell what it could do.
"A few of us stay at home, and do our best."

Another class represented a struggling Sunday School in Maine. As they were gathered in class session, there came a helper with lesson materials, pictures, crayons, etc.

6. To tell of a gift of love came the penny once more.
"The White Gift to Jesus, we bring."

The children of another class brought their white gifts and placed them at the foot of the White Cross, as they did at Christmas time.

7. Again the penny entered, as she said,
"Then to all the World we go."

Each verse of the song "The World Children for Jesus" was acted out by the children of the first grades in costume as the children of the entire Department sang it. ("Babies of Everyland," published by the United Lutheran Board, 723 Muhlenberg Building, Philadelphia, Pa.)

The cunning papoose in the wigwam that lives,
Whose life is so happy and free,
Is my Indian brother; and Jesus loves him,
Just as He loves you and me.

And all the dear babies, wherever they grow,
So cunning, so precious, so wee,
Are God's darling children; and Jesus loves them,
Just as He loves you and me.

8. A missionary story was told by the Superintendent as a fitting close for the program.

MR. YEN OF SU ER CHAI

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his other books for safety, but kept his Bible and hymnbook on his table all the time; and though the Boxers occupied his village, no one dared offer him any harm, as he had a large following thereabouts of those skilled in the art of self-defense. Considering his vigor when nearly eighty, I could well imagine would-be persecutors keeping a respectful distance twenty-five years ago. Once when I was standing with him on the edge of the market on the fair day in Su Er Chai, a mule broke away and began running about in a lively fashion. Several younger men let slip the opportunity to distinguish themselves, but old Mr. Yen never hesitated, headed the mule off between a wall and a pond, and led it meekly back to its post.

He has not been successful in winning many converts, but he has kept persistently and cheerfully on with his witnessing to the truth of the Christian message. Every five days there is a fair at his town, and he sets out his table and talks with those who are willing to listen. Until recently he has also made it his practice to visit neighboring fairs. His smiling little eyes and his earnest manner have been a source of inspiration to me and must have been to many others. I believe his Christian life will yet bear fruit.

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MISSION NEWS

The new neighborhood house at Osaka continues in popular favor. We hear that the workers are turning folks away from Sunday School because of lack of space, and they have to hold the Sunday School for the littlest folks on Saturday.

Mexico, as well as China, has its Christian generals. Some of them are on the retired list and others are in command. Of the latter, General Peralta is now in Hermosillo, a regular church attendant and tither, young and energetic.

Our missionaries in Paotingfu, China, do not fail to heed the Scriptural exhortation to visit those in prison. The workers in the Presbyterian Mission, the Salvation Army, and our own missionaries, unite in this work, taking turns week by week in conducting meetings. Miss Grace Breck (B.) writes: "I enjoy this part of the work when it is my turn to go. An occasional woman has an expression on her face that is hard and unresponsive, but most of the prisoners are very friendly."

Five nationalities, including a Russian, were represented among the inpatients of Williams-Porter Hospital, under Dr. F. F. Tucker, at Tehchow, Shantung, China, last year.

A convention celebrating the fortieth anniversary of Y. M. C. A. Student Work, in China, is to be held at Tsinan, Shantung, in August, 1926.

The World's Sunday School Association reports steady progress in Sunday School teacher-training work in the Philippines. Nearly 600

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young people scattered over the Islands are doing the work in classes, institutes, and by correspondence. During the latest session, 199 received certificates and seals for work accomplished. Such work means much for future leadership in churches and Sunday Schools in the Islands.

"Servants of Syria" is the name of a new organization of School Boys of a town near the Lebanon Boys' School. Its leader is a Moslem, and the boys plan to attack intemperance, gambling, and social immorality. Their pledge is: "I promise that whatever be my profession, I will dedicate myself to the service of Syria."

Health campaigns and dispensary clinics have been carried on in nearly all the outstations of the Tehsien field, thanks to a special contribution secured by Dr. and Mrs. Parsons in their Washington church. This branch dispensary work includes daily clinics, illustrated lectures, examination of school children, distribution of health literature. A team of doctors and nurses usually spends a half month in each place and invariably finds it difficult to get away. The contacts formed in this way are most valuable. While the church thus ministers to the whole man, it specifically endeavors to make him whole. The refugee society for women and children in operation during the fighting cared for about 1,600 in the chapel, hospital, corridors—in every available space.

The Kumiai Christians of Seoul, Korea, are rejoicing in a new church building. It was dedicated on February 28. It is a fine three-storied, brick building and cost 40,000 yen. This amount was raised by the congregation itself, except for a little over 1,300 yen, contributed by people outside the church. Since its establishment in 1904, the church has been self-supporting.

Church and school work in Beirut and Aleppo are continuing with the extraordinary vitality which they have manifested ever since the immigration into Syria of the Armenian group from the north. During the year 1925, the Evangelical Church in Aleppo has contributed Ltq. *975* gold ($4,290) to their new church. The camp congregations are large, and doing most effective work. The Beirut Camp church is raising its ceiling and pushing out its light board sides to accommodate a larger congregation. Much thought and effort and money are being put into the community schools of these groups.

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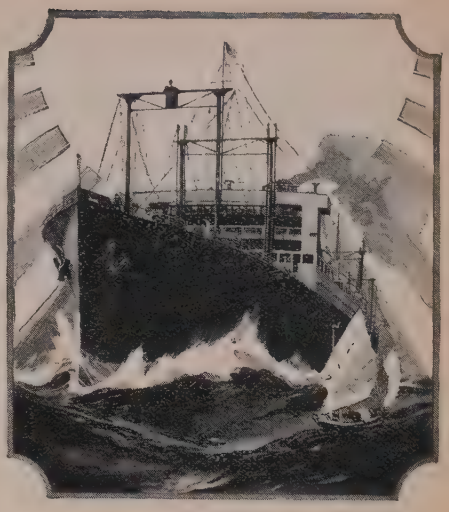

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Rev. Harold W. Robinson, on the "Battle of Paotingfu," China

"The Battle of Paotingfu" last fall proved to be the beginning of the most deadly fighting that has taken place in China for many years. Our city and our country fields have been right in the path of the People's Army on its way to the front and have suffered greatly thereby. The merchants' guild of Paotingfu has had to provide hundreds of thousands of dollars for the army, and smaller towns have had to raise corresponding amounts. And what has it all amounted to?

"Had the Devil been a logical strategist he would have closed the year for us with a rousing demonstration by the Anti-Christian Movement. He had his publicity agents out, and plans were made to have Christmas Day a memorable one in the history of that movement. Unless the meetings held in other cities were more successful than the one in Paotingfu, which fell rather flat, we are inclined to think that that movement has been rather overadvertised.

"The relationships between ourselves and our Chinese colleagues have been more friendly and deeper rooted these last few months than since some of us can remember. Our regular work has made progress all along the line. We are more than ever convinced that with God all things are possible."

Miss Stella N. Loughridge (I.), Beirut, Syria

"Miss Webb is still wrestling with the extremely hard problem of trying to get a little tuition from these poverty-stricken people—and that is the hardest work of all. She suffers so with them in their difficulties.

"The girls are so in earnest, and anxious to work, but there is little we can give them to do. To a few we can give house duties, but to the many others handwork is the only thing, and there are already hundreds of women doing that work to get bread.

"No doubt Miss Webb has written you of the disturbances in Damascus, and the consequent feeling of uncertainty here. So far all is quiet here, although two United States war vessels lie in the harbor. All these things, however, and conditions in France, have combined to cause a very great drop in the Syrian money. It is worth only about half what it was."

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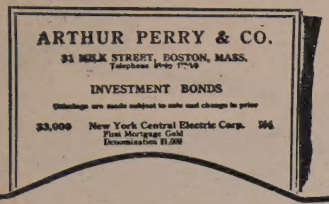

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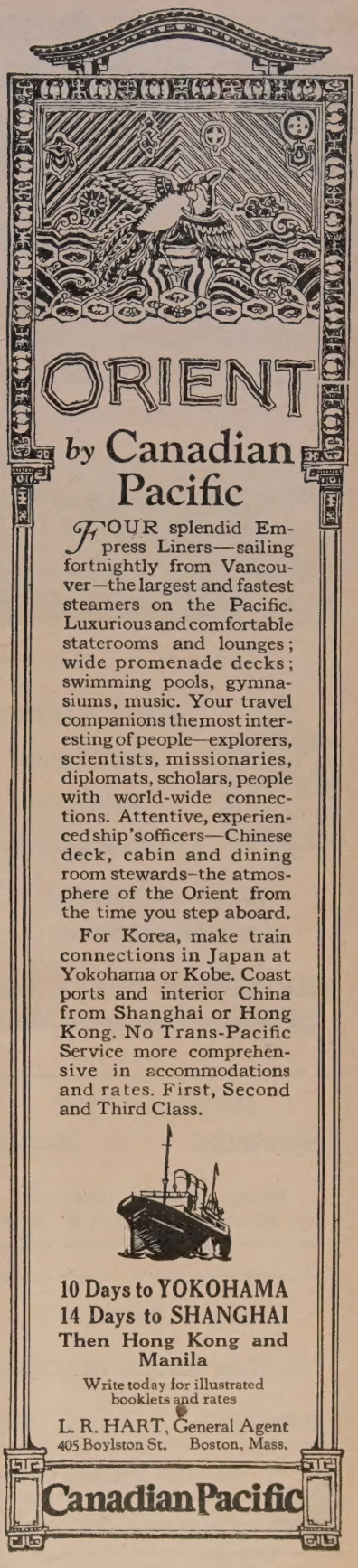
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After forty years of active missionary service in Japan, Mrs. Jennie P. Stanford, of the Kobe Women's Evangelistic School (W. B. M. I.), sailed on the *President Lincoln*, January 24, from Japan for California. Her retirement comes after a long and useful career in Japan, both through the home and the school. Her devotion and efficiency in service stand out in pioneer missionary history. Numerous farewell gatherings were given Mrs. Stanford during the last few weeks of her stay in Kobe, not only by the students, with whom she has ever been a favorite, but by other foreign missionaries with whom she has a deep and lasting friendship.

The International Bible Class, founded by the late Rev. Arthur Stanford, and continued after his death by Mrs. Stanford, will be conducted under the direction of a committee of three, consisting of Miss Isabelle McCausland and Mr. and Mrs. Hackett of Kobe. The other work for which Mrs. Stanford has been responsible will doubtless be carried on by Japanese teachers.

THE CHRONICLE

Arrivals on the Field

January 29. In Nanking, China, Miss Nellie M. Walker, joining the Shaowu Mission.

Arrivals in this Country

March 22. In New York, Rev. and Mrs. Frederick R. Dixon and Miss Fannie E. Ellener, of Mt. Silinda, Rhodesia Mission, Africa.

March 24. In San Francisco, Cal., Miss Priscilla Holton, of Foochow, China.

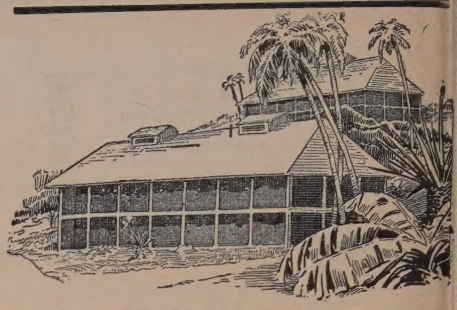
Deaths

March 4. In Beirut, suddenly, Dr. Arthur R. Dray, for many years Professor of Dental Surgery at American University.

March 25. In Riverhead, N. Y., Kate C. Woodhull, M.D., member of the Foochow Mission from 1884 to 1912. (See p. 197.)

Births

March 5. In Peking, to Rev. and Mrs. Robert M. Bartlett, of the North China Mission, a son, Robert Merrill, Jr.



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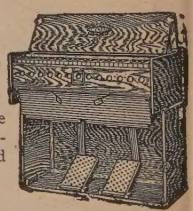
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